

## FAREWELL TO ARMS

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**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — The United States, the world's largest arms dealer, has joined 106 other nations in signing a treaty that regulates global arms trading, but there is strong resis-



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry delivers remarks after signing the Arms Trade Treaty during the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013. (AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)

tance in the Senate, which must ratify it. Secretary of State John Kerry, who signed the Arms Trade Treaty on Wednesday, said it was a "significant step" in keeping the world safe and preventing terrorists and others from obtaining conventional weapons. The Obama administration's move is seen as critical to the treaty's success.

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## SHUTTERING THE SHUTDOWN



Ron Kirby, a member of the Tea Party, holds a sign against Obamacare outside the Senate side of the Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, in support of Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, after the senator finished his lengthy speech in opposition to President Barack Obama's health care law.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

## US Senate clears 1 hurdle to averting shutdown

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Democratic-led Senate easily cleared a hurdle Wednesday to averting a government shutdown after a Republican lawmaker ended a 21-hour speech aimed at using the measure to derail President Barack Obama's signature health care overhaul. Senators voted unanimously to allow a temporary spending bill to be officially laid before the Senate, one of several steps needed

to move forward with the measure. Another key vote is expected by Saturday, with an Oct. 1 deadline looming to keep the government fully operating. But a showdown looms over a provision in the bill to defund the 3-year-old health care law, which aims to extend insurance coverage to millions. The Senate is all but certain to strip the legislation of that language, which Republican-controlled House of

Representatives included in an attempt to dismantle Obama's most important domestic accomplishment. The question is whether the House will approve the bill if the Senate sends it back as a straight-forward funding measure without the health care provision — or reject it and risk a government shutdown. To avoid a partial government shutdown, a single, agreed-upon version must be approved by Congress

and signed by Obama by Tuesday. Officials pointed out that there is still time for the Senate to restore the funds for the health care law — and for the House to seek a more modest overhaul concession, perhaps a one-year delay in the requirement for individuals to purchase coverage or the repeal of a tax on medical devices that many Democrats oppose.

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## UN General Assembly: US signs global arms trading treaty

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The U.S. was the 91st country to sign, but the treaty will not take effect until 50 nations have ratified it. Only six had ratified the treaty as of Wednesday. Many of the world's other top arms exporters have yet to sign and opposition in the Senate, backed by the powerful National Rifle Association, means U.S. ratification will be difficult. A two-thirds majority in the 100-member Senate, where Democrats now

for said fears that it would undermine Americans' constitutional right to keep and bear arms are not grounded in reality. For one, the treaty does not regulate domestic weapons sales. "This treaty will not diminish anyone's freedom," he said. "It recognizes the freedom of both individuals and states to obtain, possess, and use arms for legitimate purposes." Kerry said the U.S. "would never think about supporting a treaty that is in-

Senate ratifies it. "The Senate has not yet provided its advice and consent, and may not provide such consent," he wrote. In addition to questions about the Second Amendment, Corker said many of the treaty's provisions regarding arms sales will require congressional approval. The treaty will require countries that ratify it to establish national regulations to control the transfer of conventional arms and components and to regu-



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry signs the Arms Trade Treaty as Under Secretary-General for Legal Affairs Miguel Serpa Soares looks on during the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013.

(AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)

hold a slight edge, is needed to ratify a treaty. "This is about reducing the risks of international transfers of conventional arms that will be used to carry out the world's worst crimes," Kerry said. He said it would require other countries to put in place the same arms export restrictions that the United States already has in force. "This is about keeping Americans safe and keeping America strong, and this is about promoting international peace and global security," he said. Addressing U.S. critics of the treaty, the former sena-

consistent with the rights of Americans, the rights of American citizens to be able to exercise their guaranteed rights under our Constitution." Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, the top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is one of several conservative lawmakers who have concerns about the treaty, which he said raises "significant legislative and constitutional questions." In a letter sent Tuesday to President Barack Obama, Corker warned the administration against taking any steps to put the treaty in place unless and until the

late arms brokers. It will not control the domestic use of weapons in any country. It prohibits the transfer of conventional weapons if they violate arms embargoes or if they promote acts of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes, and if they could be used in attacks on civilians or civilian buildings such as schools and hospitals. The treaty covers battle tanks, armored combat vehicles, large-caliber artillery systems, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships, missiles and missile launchers, and small arms and light weapons. □

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Suspect arrested for threatening stores

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — The mayor of the Dutch city of Haarlem says a suspect has been arrested in connection with a threat issued from a Twitter account that led to the closure of several stores and a school in the city center. Mayor Bernt Schneiders said Wednesday the man was being interrogated at police headquarters and a "certain trail" led from him to the Twitter account — now suspended — where the threat was originally made. Haarlem police said in a statement they were taking the threat seriously and ordered the closure of several stores, posting guards in body armor outside. Schneiders confirmed that the person arrested had "had a labor conflict not so long ago." □

### Pink diamond could fetch around \$60M

**GENEVA (AP)** — Sotheby's is showing off a pink diamond that is expected to fetch more than \$60 million at auction. The auction house was giving previews of what it calls the world's most valuable diamond ever to be offered at auction. Sotheby's said in a statement Wednesday that The Pink Star, a 59.60-carat oval cut pink diamond, would go up for auction on Nov. 13 in the historic five-star Beau-Rivage Hotel along Lake Geneva. David Bennett, chairman of Sotheby's Switzerland, says the vivid pink diamond is "of immense importance" because of its extraordinary size and exceptionally rich color that surpass all others known to exist in government, royal or private collections. □

### Strauss-Kahn will head investment firm

**PARIS (AP)** — The head of a Luxembourg-based investment bank says Dominique Strauss-Kahn will soon take a new job as his company's president — the latest step by the disgraced former IMF chief to rebuild his reputation. Chairman Thierry Leyne of Anatevka says Strauss-Kahn will become president on Oct. 18 and the company will be renamed "Leyne, Strauss-Kahn." Leyne said by phone Wednesday that he wants to parlay Strauss-Kahn's acumen and contacts, which are in growing demand, to his company's benefit. Strauss-Kahn, 64, was arrested and resigned in 2011 as head of the IMF following allegations by a hotel maid that he had sexually assaulted her. □

### Lloyd's List will go digital by end of year

**LONDON (AP)** — After 279 years in print, Lloyd's List, the shipping industry's bible, is going fully digital. The daily started as a notice pinned to the wall of a London coffee shop that offered information on ships coming in and out of port and what goods they carried. It will stop print publication on Dec. 20. "This is just a natural part of our evolution," says editor Richard Meade. "We haven't changed that much. But now (customers) can access us in any coffee shop in the world." Meade says that while nostalgia weighs on the company's shoulders, customers pay a premium for information — and don't want to wait for it to come by post. □

### Magnitude 7.0 quake rattles Peru coast

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — An offshore earthquake with a reported magnitude of 7.0 shook much of Peru on Wednesday but only minor damage and no injuries were reported in the sparsely populated southwestern coastal area near the epicenter. The quake broke windows and opened fissures in the walls of some adobe dwellings in the nearest sizeable town, Acari, its mayor Carlos Mejia told the TV station Canal N. □



## George H.W. Bush witness at Maine same-sex wedding

**KENNEBUNK, Maine (AP)** —

Former President George H.W. Bush was an official witness at the same-sex wedding of two longtime friends, his spokesman said Wednesday.

Bush and his wife, Barbara Bush, attended the ceremony joining Bonnie Clement and Helen Thorgalsen as private citizens and friends on Saturday, spokesman Jim McGrath said.

Thorgalsen posted a photo on her Facebook page showing Bush signing the marriage license as a witness. She captioned the photo: "Getting our marriage license witnessed!"

In the photo, Bush is seated in a wheelchair, a stack of papers on his lap and his left hand poised with a pen.

One bright red sock and one bright blue one peek out below the cuffs of his blue slacks.

The 41st president has deep ties to the area and owns a compound in Kennebunkport, a small coastal town. Thorgalsen and Clement own a general store in neighboring Kennebunk.

They were honeymooning overseas and didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment Wednesday.

Gay marriage became legal in Maine in December. One of Bush's sons, former President George W. Bush, opposed same-sex marriage and in 2004 announced his support for a proposed constitutional amendment to outlaw it. But his wife, Laura Bush, and their daughter Barbara Bush support gay marriage, as does his former vice president, Dick Cheney, whose daughter Mary Cheney is openly gay.

A spokesman for George W. Bush on Wednesday declined to comment on his current feelings about same-sex marriage or his thoughts about his father's role in a same-sex wedding. □

## US Senate clears 1 hurdle to averting shutdown

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The issue has roiled the Republican Party, exacerbating the divide between hard-right conservatives and more moderate party leaders who fear Republicans will get blamed if the government shuts down.

Encouraged by conservative groups, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, a potential 2016 presidential candidate, spoke all night and through morning in favor of using the spending bill to kill the health care law.

scheduled Friday or Saturday on whether to cut off a delaying tactic on the spending bill itself.

The Senate's top Democrat, majority leader Harry Reid, shrugged off Cruz's effort. "For lack of a better way of describing this, it has been a big waste of time," he said. Such paralyzing fiscal fights have dominated Washington in recent years, underscoring the deep divide between the Republicans and the Obama administration and its Democratic allies.

considering carrying over their campaign against the health care law into legislation needed to increase the nation's credit limit. They have raised the possibility of attaching a 1-year delay in the implementation of a mandate that individual Americans buy health care insurance. Democrats would strongly oppose that measure.

If no agreement is reached, the U.S. risks a first-ever default on its obligations. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said the government

posed Cruz's time-consuming effort, arguing that defunding the health care law simply won't happen with a Democratic president and Democrats controlling the Senate. Cruz, who had started speaking Tuesday afternoon, filled the time in a largely empty chamber, criticizing the law and comparing the fight to the battle against the Nazis. He talked about the Revolutionary War, the Washington ruling class, his Cuban-born father who worked as a cook and even recited



**Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. leaves the Senate chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, after a procedural vote on a bill to fund the government to which House Republicans also linked the defunding of the Affordable Care Act, popularly known as "Obamacare." The vote was 100-0 and came an hour after freshman Sen. Ted Cruz ended his 21-hour, 19-minute filibuster. Democratic leader Harry Reid has the votes to strip out the defund Obamacare provision and send the spending bill back to the House. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)**

He stopped talking after 21 hours, 19 minutes, with occasional remarks by other conservative senators.

Then he simply sat down and joined every other senator in the 100-0 procedural vote. He said Republicans should rally against the measure in a vote

The two sides have managed in the past to come up with last-minute compromises to avoid a government closure.

Even if a shutdown is averted, a potentially even bigger impasse looms in October over the U.S. debt limit. House Republicans are

will have exhausted its borrowing authority by Oct. 17, leaving the United States just \$30 billion cash on hands to pay its bills.

Republicans fiercely oppose the health care overhaul as an intrusion into individual decision-making. But Republican leaders op-

Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham." Republican leaders fear that such delaying tactics would push a final vote into the weekend, giving House Republicans little time to come up with a new temporary spending bill needed to avert a partial shutdown. □

## US renews global terror alert after mall siege

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**NEW YORK (AP)** —

The State Department is renewing its global terrorism alert for U.S. citizens following the attack by al-Qaida linked extremists on an upscale shopping mall in Nairobi, Kenya.

In a new "worldwide caution" issued Wednesday, the department said it continued to be concerned about threats to U.S. citizens and interests in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. It said attackers could use a variety of

tactics, including suicide operations, assassinations, kidnappings, hijackings and bombings.

It said potential targets could be high-profile sporting events, residential areas, business offices, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places

of worship, schools, public areas, shopping malls and other tourist destinations where Americans gather in large numbers. The new warning follows the Nairobi mall attack in which at least 67 people, including 18 foreigners, died. □



# FBI: Navy Yard gunman left note about radio waves

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Washington Navy Yard gunman Aaron Alexis left a note saying he was driven to kill by months of bombardment with extremely low-frequency radio waves, the FBI said Wednesday in a disclosure that explains the phrase he

etched on his shotgun: "My ELF Weapon!"

Alexis did not target particular individuals during the Sept. 16 attack in which he killed 12 people, and there is no indication the shooting stemmed from any workplace dispute, said Valerie Parlave, assistant director of the FBI's Washington field office.

Instead, authorities said, his behavior in the weeks before the shooting and records later recovered from his hotel room reveal a man increasingly in the throes of paranoia and delusions.

"Ultra-low frequency attack is what I've been subject to for the last 3 months, and to be perfectly honest that is what has driven me



This image from video provided by the FBI, shows Aaron Alexis moves through the hallways of Building #197 at the Washington Navy Yard on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, in Washington, carrying a Remington 870 shotgun. Alexis, a 34-year-old former Navy reservist and IT contractor, shot and killed 12 people inside a Navy Yard building last week before being killed in a shootout with police.

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to this," read an electronic document agents recovered after the shooting.

The attack came one month after Alexis had complained to police in Rhode Island that people were talking to him through the walls and ceilings of his hotel room and sending microwave vibrations into his body to deprive him of sleep. On his shotgun, he had scrawled "My ELF Weapon!" — an apparent reference to extremely low-frequency waves — along with "End to the Torment!" "Not what yall say" and "Better off this way," the FBI said. Alexis, a 34-year-old former Navy reservist and computer technician for a government contractor, used a valid badge to get into the Navy Yard and opened fire inside a building with the sawed-off Remington shotgun, which he had legally purchased in Virginia two days earlier. He also used a 9 mm handgun that he took from a security guard.

He was killed in the building by a U.S. Park Police officer following a rampage the FBI said lasted more than an hour — longer than authorities previously indicated.

"There are indicators that Alexis was prepared to die during the attack and that he accepted death as the inevitable consequence of his actions," Parlave said. Surveillance video released

by the FBI on Wednesday shows Alexis pulling his rental car into a garage, walking into the building with a bag and then skulking down a corridor with a shotgun, ducking and crouching around a corner and walking briskly down a flight of stairs.

A timeline issued by the FBI shows Alexis started the rampage on the building's fourth floor and then moved down to the third and first floors.

He ultimately returned to the third floor, where he was killed around 9:25 a.m. FBI Director James Comey has said there's no evidence that Alexis shot down into the atrium despite earlier accounts from witnesses at the scene.

Alexis had started a job as a contractor in the building just a week before.

Although there was a "routine performance-related issue addressed to him" on the Friday before the Monday morning shooting, "there is no indication that this caused any sort of reaction from him," Parlave said. "We have not determined there to be any previous relationship between Alexis and any of the victims," she said. "There is no evidence or information at this point that indicates he targeted anyone he worked for or worked with. We do not see any one event as triggering this attack." □



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# New \$100 bill has ink well, more color, 3-D

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**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)**

— A glitzier, high-tech version of America's \$100 bill is rolling off the presses and headed for wallets soon. Despite years of production-related delays, the updated \$100 bill has undergone a major makeover that includes a color-changing ink well, 3-D security ribbon, and more texture on Benjamin Franklin's collar.

The new, more expensive bill is scheduled to enter circulation Oct. 8 and also has a higher calling: It aims to fight back against counterfeiters by using better printers and technology. The modifications will help people check for fake \$100s without going to a bank or using a blacklight, said Michael Lambert, a deputy associate director at the Federal Reserve.

"We try and find security features that can be used at a number of different levels, from more experienced cash handlers ... down to the person on the street who really needs to know the security features so they can protect themselves," Lambert said in an interview Wednesday. The new \$100 bill still bears the image of Franklin, one of America's Founding Fathers. But it adds part of the Declaration of Independence, written in script from Franklin's left shoulder to the right edge of the bill. A quill and an ink well are printed behind the text, and a blue ribbon goes down near the center of the bill. The ink in the well changes colors from copper to green when the bill is turned. A watermark of Franklin also appears on the right

side of the bill when it's held up to light. The Federal Reserve said in its latest currency budget that it would order 2.5 billion new \$100 bills this year. Lambert estimated each new bill costs about 4 cents more to print than the old one, totaling an additional \$100 million in costs this year. The government has redesigned the \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 bills during the last decade to add security features. The \$1 remains the only bill not to get a makeover. At a federal facility in Fort Worth, 32-bill sheets of money paper are printed, stamped with serial numbers and sliced into individual notes. The notes are sorted into



A sheet of uncut \$100 bills is inspected during the printing process at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Western Currency Facility in Fort Worth, Texas, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013. The federal printing facility is making the new-look colorful bills that include new security features in advance of the Oct. 8 circulation date. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

piles 100 deep, banded together and eventually stacked into 4,000-note bricks worth \$400,000. Those bricks will be shipped to Federal Reserve banks across the United States for distribution. □

## Feds charge 14 reputed MS-13 members in U.S.

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**NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)**

— Fourteen reputed members of a violent street gang that federal authorities said has terrorized central New Jersey for years, including through murders, robbery and extortion, were charged in a 26-count indictment unsealed Wednesday.

U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman called the MS-13 gang "an extraordinarily dangerous criminal enterprise whose entire reason for being revolves around imposing its leaders' will through violence and intimidation." The indictment focused on a sub-unit of MS-13 based in Plainfield called Plainfield Locos Salvatruchas, or PLS. The gang set down roots in

the area in the late 1990s and Union County began an investigation after a series of violent incidents in 2009, acting county prosecutor Grace Park said. According to the indictment, the gang members were responsible for the murders of two rival gang members, a bystander and even a female MS-13 member who allegedly was driven to an industrial site in Piscataway and shot in 2010. Eleven of the 14 were charged with racketeering conspiracy. As part of the conspiracy, the indictment alleged, PLS members extorted payments from inactive members of the gang and threatened violence against anyone who didn't pay. □

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## US Supreme Court expects to get NSA wiretaps issue

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**Associated Press**

**McLEAN, Virginia (AP)** — A conservative Supreme Court judge said Wednesday that the courts will ultimately have to determine the legality of wiretapping by the National Security Agency.

And Justice Antonin Scalia said he's not sure that's a good thing.

Scalia addressed NSA wiretapping in a speech to the Northern Virginia Technology Council when he was asked about technology companies' role in protecting customers' privacy when their data has been unconstitutionally collected.

Scalia said the high court originally ruled that there were no constitutional prohibitions on wiretaps because conversations were not explicitly granted privacy protection under the Fourth Amendment, which protects against Ameri-

cans against unreasonable search and seizure of "their persons, houses, papers, and effects."

That 1928 opinion, in *Olmstead v. U.S.*, was overturned nearly 40 years later by the Supreme Court.

"The consequence of that is that whether the NSA can do the stuff it's been doing ... which used to be

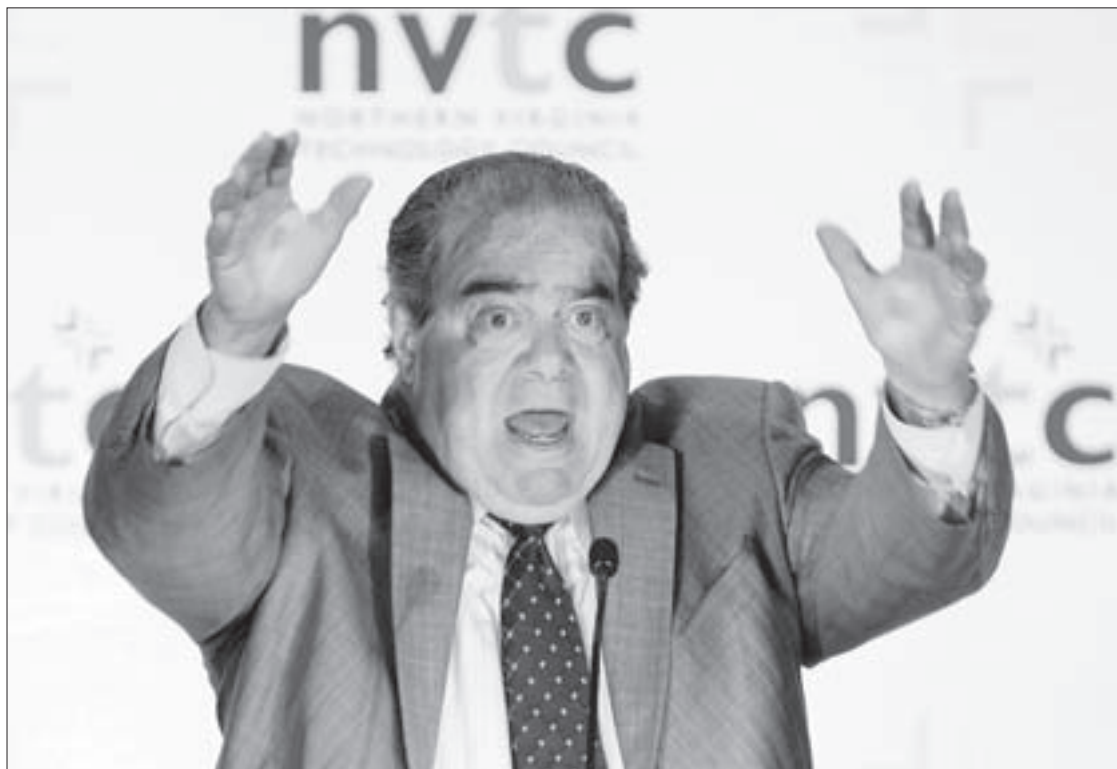
a question for the people ... will now be resolved by the branch of government that knows the least about the issues in question, the branch that knows the least about the extent of the threat against which the wiretapping is directed," he said.

He also said the Constitution calls for a balancing test to determine whether any search or seizure is reasonable, and that depends on the threat that is posed — another question he said courts are ill-equipped to answer.

He talked about the pat downs and other searches that occur at airports as an example of that balancing act.

"That's a terrible intrusion of privacy," he said. "But you're willing to do it because of the seriousness of the threat."

As for the question about tech companies' obligations to inform clients about an illegal intrusion of their information, Scalia said that, yes, a company should speak up if it knows a customer has had its data illegally seized. "But it's pretty hard to know that. ... If it's a governmental wiretap, presumably it's been approved by somebody, some lawyer expert in the field who said it was OK, and you better be damn sure you're right before you blow the cover." In July, following the disclosures by NSA leaker Edward Snowden about the extent of the agency's surveillance programs, the Electronic Privacy Information Center filed a direct appeal to the Supreme Court asking it to bar NSA from collecting phone call records on millions of U.S. customers. The court has not yet decided whether to hear the case. □



**Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia makes gestures as he speaks at the Northern Virginia Technology Council's (NVTC) Titans breakfast gathering in McLean, Va., Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013. Scalia was the featured speaker at the speaker series sponsored by the Council. The 77-year-old justice, currently the longest serving on the nine-member court, discussed the art of persuasion as well as major constitutional issues.**  
(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

## Ohio uses execution drug, for last time, on killer

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**AP Correspondent**

**LUCASVILLE, Ohio (AP)**

— A white gunman who spewed racial slurs before fatally shooting a black man and a police officer in a 1994 rampage was executed in Ohio on Wednesday with the state's last use of its execution drug.

Harry Mitts Jr. asked the families of his victims to forgive him, saying he had carried the burden of his crimes with him for 19 years. "I had no business doing what I did," he said in a last statement to six witnesses representing his victims. Two clergy members and a friend were also in attendance.

Mitts Jr., 61, was pronounced dead at 10:39 a.m. by lethal injection

of the powerful sedative pentobarbital at the state prison in Lucasville after years of acknowledging his crimes and repenting. The state's supply of pentobarbital is expiring, and a new execution method will be announced later.

Mitts was convicted of aggravated murder and attempted murder in the August 1994 rampage against random neighbors and responding police officers at his apartment complex in a Cleveland suburb.

Wielding a gun with a laser sight and later other weapons, Mitts first shouted racial epithets and killed a neighbor's black boyfriend, John Bryant, and then shot and killed white Garfield Heights police Sgt. Dennis Glivar as he responded to

the scene. Mitts also shot and wounded two other police officers.

After the execution, Glivar's widow, Debbie Glivar said, "I won't forgive him, ever." Thomas Kaiser, Glivar's partner and a witness to Wednesday's execution, said Mitts' death did little to blunt the damage the lengthy case has caused. "I don't believe justice has been served," said Kaiser, another of Mitts' shooting victims. "Justice should not take 19 years for a case that had nothing — there was no ineffective counsel, there was no chance there was another suspect, none of the normal defenses that you hear. There was none of that in this case." The Ohio Parole Board and Republican Gov. John

Kasich had denied Mitts' pleas for mercy.

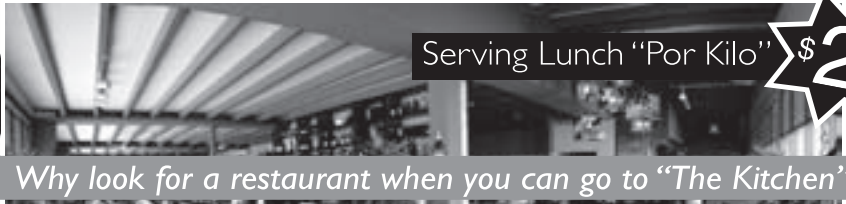
Mitts, at his clemency hearing, had pointed to a virtually clean record before and after the day of the shootings and said he had found God in prison. After his conviction, he spoke of receiving a Bible from Glivar's mother and sister and a letter expressing their forgiveness and urging him to seek repentance.

Mitts told the Ohio Parole Board he had drunk heavily because he was distraught over his divorce and had likely shot Bryant to draw police to his home in hopes they would shoot and kill him. He said he wasn't a racist and didn't remember directing racial slurs at Bryant before shooting him. □



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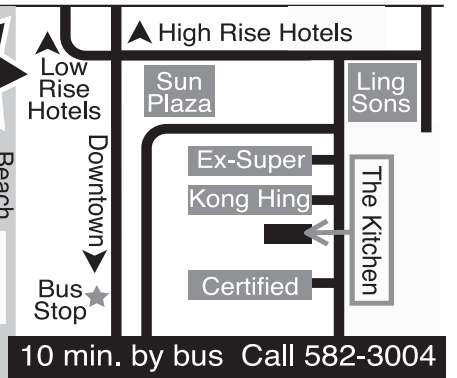


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### US Financial Front:

## American new-home sales jump 7.9 percent in August

MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans stepped up purchases of new homes in August after cutting back in July, suggesting that higher mortgage rates are not yet slowing the housing recovery.

Sales of new homes increased 7.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 421,000, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. That comes after sales plunged 14.1 percent in July to a 390,000 annual rate.

The rebound in sales could ease worries that higher mortgage rates have started to dampen sales. It coincided with the best month of sales for previously occupied homes in more than six years. And homebuilders remain more confident in the market than they've been in eight years.

Still, some buyers may be racing to close deals before rates rise further. The average rate on the 30-year fixed mortgage has risen more than a full percentage point since May.

New-homes sales were 12.6 percent higher in August than a year ago, although the pace remains well below the 700,000 consistent with a healthy market.

The number of new homes available for sale rose 3.6 percent from July to 175,000. That's still relatively lean — at the August sales' pace it would take five months to exhaust the supply.

The median price of a new home sold in August fell 0.7 percent from July to \$254,600.

Sales rose in all but one region of the country in Au-

gust, increasing 19.6 percent in the Midwest, 15.3 percent in the South and 8.8 percent in the Northeast. Sales plunged 14.6 percent in the West, the second straight month of double-digit declines.

The housing market has been one of the strongest performers this year in an otherwise sluggish economy, helped by steady job gains, low mortgage rates and a limited supply of available homes for sale.

Sales of previously occupied homes rose in August to a seasonally adjusted 5.5 million annual pace, the National Association of Realtors reported last week. That's a healthy level and the highest in more than six years. The realtors' group cautioned that the August pace could represent a temporary peak. The gain reflected closings and largely occurred because many buyers rushed to lock in mortgage rates in June and July before they increased further. The Realtors said buyer traffic dropped off noticeably in August, likely reflecting the higher rates.

Many economists say the housing recovery should withstand the recent rate increase. Mortgage rates are still quite low by historical standards. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage was 4.5 percent last week.

Though new homes represent only a fraction of the housing market, they have an outside impact on the economy. Each home built creates an average of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in tax revenue, according to National Association of Home Builders. □



A sidewalk gets shaped in front of new construction in Omaha, Neb. The Commerce Department reported positive news on new-home sales for August on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013. Americans stepped up purchases of new homes in August after cutting back in July, suggesting that higher mortgage rates are not yet slowing the housing recovery.

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## Nairobi attack puts spotlight on mall safety worldwide

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**NAIROBI/NEW YORK (AP)**

— Some malls around the world have been scrambling to add security guards to look for suspicious people following a deadly attack on a shopping center in Nairobi over the weekend.

But for other malls, it's been business as usual.

The mixed reactions by malls across the globe isn't unusual in an industry whose security efforts vary from unarmed guards in most shopping centers in the U.S. to metal detectors and bag searches in places like Israel to main entrances that resemble airport security lines in India.

The disparity offers a glimpse of why any moves following the Nairobi incident to increase mall security in countries that have less strict procedures aren't likely to last: The industry continues to struggle with how to keep shoppers safe without scaring them away.

"No one wants, when you go shopping, to be strip searched, to be interviewed in a room by a security guard," said Simon Bennett, director, Civil Safety and Security Unit at the University of Leicester in England. "That might be acceptable in aviation, but it is not in commercial retail."

Security concerns come after 12 to 15 militants from the Somali Islamic extremist group al-Shabab, wielding grenades, took control of the upscale Westgate mall in Nairobi.

Terrorists held Kenya security forces for four days, killing at least 67 civilians and government troops and injuring 175 others.

The Kenyan government said Tuesday that the at-

tackers were defeated, with several suspects killed or arrested. On Wednesday, FBI agents began fingerprint, DNA and ballistic analysis to help figure out the identities and nationalities of the victims and al-Shabab gunmen.

In the aftermath of the at-

U.S. government's Department of Homeland Security is reaching out to corporate security at all malls.

At the same time, the group said some of the malls in the U.S. and South Africa are beefing up private security personnel, while others are bringing

suspicious behavior and report that to authorities, they're discouraged from intervening.

"Shoppers at this point perhaps don't have an appetite for extraordinary measures," said Kenneth Hamilton, executive vice president of IPC Interna-

at malls. "Any public gathering ... can become a target," he said. "But you have to live your life."

U.S. malls have made changes to their security strategies following attacks. A shooting on Dec. 5, 2007 at the Westroads Mall in Omaha, Neb., for instance, was an impetus for malls to change how they deal with shooters themselves. After a 19-year-old man shot and killed eight people and injured five others before taking his own life, malls began working with Homeland Security on a plan to have the first responders from the police department enter the building to stop the shooter and free those who are trapped rather than wait for backup.

Many mall operators now also have evacuation drills once or twice a year that focus on lockdown situations. A growing number of malls also use cameras that scan license plates in parking lots. And many malls use technology that enables them to share three-dimensional virtual blue prints of their layout with law enforcement.

The reaction to attacks can be more muted in other parts of the world. In China and Hong Kong, malls are operating normally following the Nairobi attack, typically monitored by closed-circuit cameras and with unarmed private security guards stationed throughout.

"We review our security system and conduct emergency drills regularly to ensure that we are ready to respond to any breach of security swiftly and effectively," said Elizabeth Kok, Retail Portfolio Director at Swire Properties Ltd., which operates three upscale malls in Hong Kong. □



**In this Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013 photo, shoppers walk through a metal detector before they are frisked by a private security guard as another security guard, right, checks a bag at the entrance to a shopping mall in New Delhi, India. Shopping centers across the globe are adding guards and increasing security following the attack in Nairobi over the weekend.**

**(AP Photo/Manish Swarup)**

tack, security was tight at the Junction Mall in Nairobi. Two of three entry gates were locked shut. Cars were searched more carefully than usual, with guards looking in glove compartments.

Two armed soldiers were stationed inside the mall and mall security guards who search patrons with metal detector wands at entry points said the soldiers had been deployed after the Westgate attack. In the U.S., the International Council of Shopping Centers, a trade group of shopping centers representing about one third of retail space globally, said the

in more off duty police officers. Mall of America, the biggest U.S. mall, added extra uniformed security officers and stepped up other measures, but officials at the Bloomington, Minn.-based mall declined to elaborate. "We will ... remain vigilant as we always do in similar situations," said Dan Jasper, a mall spokesman.

In general, U.S. malls focus on reacting to a shooting more than preventing one. Malls depend on private security personnel, most of whom don't carry guns, though they do work with local police. And while they're trained to look for

tional, the largest provider of shopping center security of malls in the U.S.

Indeed, heightened security hasn't been welcomed in U.S. malls. The International Council of Shopping Centers spent \$2 million to develop a terrorism training program after the Sept. 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. But surveys conducted by the group following the attacks show that people don't want to be subjected to metal detectors and bag searches at malls.

Jeff Wohl, 45, of Atlanta, said Tuesday that while he's horrified by the Nairobi attack, he doesn't want to go through bag checks



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## Greenpeace activists aren't pirates: Putin

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Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Greenpeace activists apprehended after trying to scale an offshore oil platform aren't pirates, but defended the detention by saying Coast Guard officers had no way of knowing who they were. Environmentalists viewed Putin's comments as a conciliatory move.

Two members of the group were detained Sept. 18 in their attempt to scale the Arctic platform. The Coast Guard seized Greenpeace's ship the next day and towed it with 30 activists aboard, to Murmansk, where they are being questioned by investigators considering piracy charges.

Putin, speaking at a forum on Arctic affairs, said that "it's completely obvious they aren't pirates." He added, however, that the officers "didn't know who was trying to seize the platform under the guise of Greenpeace."

"Especially in view of the events in Kenya, really, anything can happen," he said — referring to the deadly mall attack in Nairobi.

It was unclear whether Putin's comments might foreshadow leniency for the activists, who could face 10-15 years in prison if convicted of piracy. But Vladimir Chuprov, head of the energy department at Greenpeace Russia, welcomed the remarks as an invitation to settle the matter amicably.

"We're ready for dialogue, and I hope they will hear us," he told a news conference on Wednesday. □

## Syrian rebel groups break with exiled opposition

ZEINA KARAM  
Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Nearly a dozen of Syria's powerful rebel factions, including one linked to al-Qaida, formally broke with the main opposition group in exile Wednesday and called for

tremely damaging for its future in Syria, particularly at a time when the U.S. and Russia are pushing for peace talks.

"If the groups involved stand by this statement, I think this could be a very big deal — especially if

el groups that are influential in Aleppo province in the north, including Jabhat al-Nusra, which is listed as a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department, said they rejected the authority of the Syrian National Coalition as well as Touma's

Syria, insisting that forces fighting inside the country should be represented by "those who suffered and took part in the sacrifices." The statement highlighted the growing irrelevance of the coalition and its military arm headed by Gen. Salim Idris, who leads the Supreme Military Council supported by the West, amid increasing radicalization in Syria. The group is seen by many as being out of touch.

Veteran opposition figure Kamal Labwani, a member of the coalition, said the U.S. decision to back away from military intervention in retaliation to the Aug. 21 chemical weapons attack near Damascus and the perceived Western indifference to Syrian suffering was turning fighters in Syria into "monsters."

"We as a coalition are very removed from the ground now. There is no geographic spot we can enter in the liberated areas. The situation is worse than you can ever imagine," he said.

Najib Ghadbian, the Syrian National Coalition's U.N. representative, acknowledged in an interview with AP Television News that there was a "growing rift" between the mainstream FSA and extremist groups. He said Idris had cut short a trip to Paris to deal with the rebel announcement. The U.S. decision had created "a lot of frustration," he added.

"The longer we wait, the more ... difficult it is going to become," Ghadbian said in New York. "Nothing is going to be, in fact, left to save of Syria."

For many rebels, the realization that even a chemical weapons attack would not trigger military intervention by the West has led to more radicalization. □



A Free Syrian Army fighter holds his son outside their home in Habit village, the Syrian central province of Hama, Wednesday, Sep. 25, 2013.

(AP Photo)

Islamic law in the country, dealing a severe blow to the Western-backed coalition.

The new alliance is a potential turning point, entrenching the schism within the rebellion and giving President Bashar Assad fuel for his long-stated contention that his regime is battling Islamic extremists in the civil war.

The Turkey-based Syrian National Coalition — the political arm of the Free Syrian Army rebel group — has long been accused by those fighting inside Syria of being a puppet promoted by the West and Gulf Arab states supporting the Syrian rebellion.

Wednesday's public rejection of the coalition's authority will likely be ex-

it develops into a more-structured alliance instead of just a joint position," said political analyst Aron Lund. "It basically means that some of the biggest mainstream Islamist forces within the so-called FSA are breaking up with the political leadership appointed for them by the West and Gulf states, to cast their lot with more hard-line and anti-Western Islamists," he said.

The announcement came less than two weeks after the coalition elected an interim prime minister, Ahmad Touma, charging him with organizing governance in opposition-held territories that have descended into chaos and infighting.

In a joint statement, 11 reb-

appointment.

A video on the Internet showed Abdel-Aziz Salameh, political chief of the Liwaa al-Tawheed brigade that is particularly strong in the northern city of Aleppo, reading the statement. "These forces call on all military and civilian forces to unite under a clear Islamic framework based on Sharia law, which should be the sole source of legislation," the signatories said.

Ominously, the rebel groups' statement was titled "Communique No. 1," a term used in Arab countries following military coups that suggests the creation of a new leadership body.

It said the rebels do "not recognize" any future government formed outside



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## Cuba: Nearly 183K travel abroad since reform

**ANDREA RODRIGUEZ**  
**Associated Press**  
**HAVANA (AP)** — Nearly 183,000 Cubans have traveled overseas since a migratory reform law took effect earlier this year, island authorities said late Tuesday. A report on state television said 182,799 people have traveled abroad since January, when the reform eliminated the costly, much-loathed exit visa that for decades was required of all islanders. The reform also scrapped the practice of requiring Cubans to secure a letter of invitation from someone in the country they wished to visit. "The enactment of the new measures has taken place in a climate of normality, of internal and external acceptance," a television news presenter

said against video images of the Havana airport and passport office. There are no official figures in the public domain for comparison to how many traveled in 2012, under the previous migratory rules, but the presenter said the 2013 numbers represented a slight increase. Late last year, Council of State secretary Homero Acosta said more than 941,000 Cubans had gone overseas between 2000 and Aug. 31, 2012. That averages out to about 75,000 annually over the 12.5-year period, though there's no way to account for yearly variations and trends. The travel law was one of the most highly anticipated of President Raul Castro's social and economic reforms, begun in 2010.

Many of the most vocal members of Cuba's dissident community have been allowed to travel overseas under the new rules, accept rights prizes and bash the island's Communist system in speeches. The exit visa was often denied to the dissidents, as well as personnel in key or sensitive sectors like health and the military. Cubans must still secure entry visas from their destination countries, which can be a pricey and difficult process. The travel reform also extended to two years the length of time Cubans can stay away without losing the full rights of residence, such as free health care and other subsidies, and established a mechanism by which emigrants can apply to return. □

## Jamaican lawmakers debate marijuana decriminalization

**DAVID McFADDEN**  
**Associated Press**  
**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)** — Lawmakers this week debated a proposal to decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use by adults in Jamaica, where many islanders are expressing weariness with current drug policy. There is no bill drafted or vote scheduled, however, and various government administrations have talked about the issue for decades. But it's lately become a budding topic among Jamaicans, with some arguing that pot could become a major force for the struggling legitimate economy if it was no longer relegated to the underground. Some lawmakers complained that current law results in about 300 young men receiving criminal records each week for possessing small amounts of "ganja," creating a growing pool of unemployable people on the Caribbean island. "There is no doubt that ganja can have harmful effects on an individual. But this does not warrant criminalization of thousands of Jamaicans for their personal choice and use, some for reasons deep-rooted in culture," said opposition lawmaker Daryl Vaz, a former information minister. Minister of State for Tourism & Entertainment Damion Crawford agreed, saying too many Jamaicans face a lifelong stigma that comes with a drug conviction involving a small amount of pot. "For personal use, the pun-

ishment of a criminal record is too much," said Crawford, the son of a Rastafarian. The discussion centered on a motion introduced by governing party lawmaker Raymond Pryce. He says there is great academic and commercial potential in decriminalizing a plant that has long been part of Jamaica's history, saying there is no shortage of evidence that the plant has medical and therapeutic value. Marijuana has been pervasive but prohibited on the island since 1913. It's generally grown on remote mountainsides and in marshes and swamps. Besides recreational use, marijuana has long been used as a medicinal herb by rural people and as a spiritual sacrament by Rastafarians. In 2001, a government-appointed commission said marijuana was "culturally entrenched" in Jamaica and recommended legalizing the private use and possession of small amounts by adults. It argued that penalizing individuals for having or cultivating small quantities of pot was "unjust" and discredited the entire legal system. Even though the report received approval from a parliamentary committee, the decriminalization effort stalled largely due to anxiety over angering the United States, which has spent millions on local eradication efforts. But now that a growing number of U.S. states are loosening their pot laws, and voters in and Washington and Colorado legalized it, some advocates say the old fear is now baseless. □



Benito Perez is greeted by his friends Rogelia Ventura and Luis Ventura at his arrival at Miami International Airport, in Miami. Cuban authorities announced this week nearly 183,000 islanders have traveled overseas since a migratory reform law took effect earlier this year.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)



# Berlusconi's 28-year-old girlfriend: I courted him

**ROME (AP)** — Here's one way to land a billionaire: Silvio Berlusconi's 28-year-old girlfriend says she courted the 76-year-old former premier relentlessly until he finally surrendered.

Now she's just waiting for him to agree to marry her.

In an interview published Wednesday in the Italian edition of Vanity Fair, Francesca Pascale described two years of pain and jealousy as Berlusconi responded to the failure of his second marriage by throwing lavish "bunga bunga" parties for young women.

Pascale said she met "B," as she calls him, in 2006 while working for his political party, although she had him in her sights much earlier, when she was under 18.

"He completely rejected me," she said of her initial volley. "But mine is an unending courtship. It's still

going on today."

Pascale professed her love for him in 2009 while Berlusconi was in a Milan hospital recovering from an attack by an unstable man. By then they were close, but she said they never spent time in private together because he was still married. "He told me: 'Don't even talk about it, you're too young, I can't give you the future you deserve,'" she said.

Finally her persistence paid off; she said Berlusconi gave her a diamond ring on Christmas 2011.

Pascale has been beside Berlusconi's side as he has gone through some of the most trying times of his life: Italy's high court in August upheld his tax fraud conviction and the Senate is considering whether to strip him of his Parliament seat as a result. His relationship with a 17-year-old guest at



Francesca Pascale, the girlfriend of Italian former Premier Silvio Berlusconi, strolls near his residence in Rome. In an interview published Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, in the Italian edition of Vanity Fair, Pascale, 28, described two years of pain and jealousy as Berlusconi, 76, responded to the failure of his second marriage by throwing lavish parties for young women. She says she courted the 76-year-old former premier relentlessly until he finally surrendered.

(AP Photo/Riccardo De Luca)

## Prosecutor says plea by UK 'drug mules' unacceptable

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**Associated Press**

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — Peruvian prosecutors said Wednesday that they consider unacceptable the guilty pleas of two young British women caught trying to smuggle 24 pounds of cocaine to Spain in their luggage.

Prosecutor Juan Rosas told The Associated Press that he will ask for a new hearing to give Irish-born Michaela McCollum and Melissa Reid of Scotland the chance to offer a more complete confession.

The women pleaded guilty Tuesday to drug trafficking charges. If the plea is accepted, they face six years and eight months in prison without possibility of parole.

Otherwise, they would go to trial and face a minimum of eight years if convicted. Rosas said Wednesday that the women, both 20, need to explain why they initially claimed they were coerced by a gang of armed men into trying to spirit the drugs out of Peru's main international airport Aug. 6 hidden in mayonnaise packets. "The prosecution thinks the charges have not yet been completely embraced.

They have simply accepted transporting drugs, but what has not yet been examined is their original version — that they were kidnapped or were transporting the drugs against their will," Rosas said in an interview. □

his "bunga bunga" parties eventually got him convicted of paying for sex with a minor and pressuring public officials to cover it up. Both he and the woman deny having sex and an appeal is underway.

Pascale defends Berlusconi fiercely.

"My president isn't a saint, but he is absolutely unable to treat women like objects," she told the magazine.

Recently she wrote on Facebook "for richer and poorer, until death do we part," prompting speculation that wedding bells

were in the air.

It's certainly what she would like.

"I sought him out, I courted him, I made him fall in love and I made him my boyfriend," Pascale said. "Practically I've done everything: He only has to say 'Yes.'" □

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## Crowded Singapore looks below for room to grow

**CALVIN YANG**

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**SINGAPORE** - Singapore, with a little less land mass than New York City, is running out of room for its 5.4 million people.

The city-state has built upward - with apartment buildings reaching as high as 70 stories - reclaimed underused properties for housing and pushed out coastlines for more usable land.

But as one of the world's most crowded cities, and with projections for 1.5 million more people in the next 15 years, Singapore's options are as limited as its space. So Singapore is considering a novel solution: building underground to create an extensive, interconnected city, with shopping malls, transportation hubs, public spaces, pedestrian links and even cycling lanes.

"Singapore is small, and whether we have 6.9 million or not, there is always a need to find new land space," said Zhao Zhiye, the interim director of the Nanyang Center for Underground Space at Nanyang Technological University. "The utilization of underground space is one option for Singapore."

Height restrictions imposed on areas around air bases and airports have prevented developers from building taller projects. And there is a limit to how much land can be reclaimed from the ocean - so far it accounts for a fifth of Singapore's space but it is vulnerable to rising sea

levels caused by climate change.

The squeeze has led to the closing of several old estates and military camps to make way for residential and industrial developments.

Building underground is not new in Singapore. About 12 kilometers, or 8 miles, of expressways and about 80 kilometers of transit lines

chemical plants.

Another project on the drawing board is the Underground Science City, with 40 interconnected caverns for data centers and research and development labs that would support the biomedical and life sciences industries. The science center, with an estimated 50 acres to be situated 30 stories below

can overcome the idea of working and living underground."

Subterranean projects can be three to four times as costly as surface projects because of higher construction costs and the need for extensive soil investigations.

In a recent blog post, Khaw Boon Wan, Singapore's minister for national devel-



**Commuters board a subway train in Singapore, Sept. 17, 2013. The rapid growth of the population in Singapore, already one of the world's most crowded cities, has officials there considering building underground to create an extensive, interconnected city, with shopping malls, transportation hubs, public spaces, pedestrian links and even cycling lanes.**

(Edwin Koo/International Herald Tribune)

are below ground. Underground drainage systems and utility tunnels are common features beneath the urban landscape.

Now Singapore is going further, beginning work on a huge underground oil bunker called Jurong Rock Caverns. When this is completed, it will free up about 150 acres of land, an area equivalent to six petro-

a science park in western Singapore, would house as many as 4,200 scientists and researchers.

"A lot of facilities can go underground if you fully utilize the underground space," Zhao said. "In the beginning there might be a psychological issue, but as long as we have proper lighting and proper ventilation, gradually people

opment, pointed to extensive pedestrian passageways and shopping malls in Japan and Canada.

He cited the possibilities in Singapore "of creating underground transport hubs, pedestrian links, cycling lanes, utility plants, storage and research facilities, industrial uses, shopping areas and other public spaces here." □

## UK seeks court action against EU bank bonus cap

**JUERGEN BAETZ**

**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Britain has filed a complaint with the European Union's top court in its quest to derail a new EU law that slaps a cap on bankers' bonuses.

The finance ministry in London argued Wednesday that the legislation goes beyond the scope of the 28-nation bloc's treaties and fails to achieve what it's meant to do — create a more stable banking system. The law will limit bonus payments at one year's base salary, or double that if a large majority of a bank's shareholders agrees. It will come into force next year and apply across the European Union, but also to EU banks working overseas — in New York, for example.

The bonus cap was decided by an overwhelming majority of EU governments and the European Parliament this year as part of a wider package of financial reforms. Britain, which is home to the bloc's biggest financial industry, stridently opposed the law, but found itself isolated.

The European Court of Justice in Luxembourg confirmed it received the British complaint on Friday. It usually takes between three and six months for an initial hearing to take place.

Proponents of the bonus cap say the large payments encouraged bankers to take massive risks at the expense of the long-term future of their businesses, helping to destabilize the financial system and trigger the 2008-2009 financial crisis. Britain, however, maintains the new rules will only lead to an increase in bankers' fixed pay, drive talent away and weaken the bloc's financial industry. "In other words ... they may undermine responsibility in the banking system rather than promote it," London's Treasury said.

In its complaint, Britain claims the legal basis for the bonus cap is unsound. It questions the delegation of some oversight to the European Banking Authority and insists the application of the bonus cap outside the EU's territory is not "properly justified." □

## Japan and US agree to swap organic imports

**MARY JALONICK**

**Associated Press**

**TOKYO/WASHINGTON (AP)**

— The United States and Japan have agreed to make it easier to import each other's organic products.

The Agriculture Department is planning to announce Thursday that organic products certified in Japan or in the United States may be sold as organic in either country.

The agreement will allow producers to sell in both

countries without going through the lengthy process of getting certified twice.

Japan imports a wide variety of organics from the United States, including soybeans, specialty crops like cauliflower and nuts, and processed products like frozen meals. The main Japanese imports to the United States are organic green tea, sake and mushrooms.

In agreeing to the deal, Japan dropped its objections

to two substances allowed in U.S. organic foods that are not allowed in Japanese organic foods.

While most of the two countries' organic standards are the same, Japan has not allowed its organics to be produced with lignon sulfonate, a substance used in post-harvest fruit production, or alkali-extracted humic acid, a fertilizer used to help grow a variety of organic crops. The United States allows those substances.

Annual organic sales to Japan from the United States now total around \$80 million, and USDA estimates the new agreement could more than triple that amount to \$250 million a year over the next 10 years. "This partnership reflects the strength of the USDA organic standards, allowing American organic farmers, ranchers, and businesses to access Asia's largest organic market," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. □





## Manchebo Beach Resort hosts Aruba's Minister of Tourism!



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Minister Oduber also was invited to see Manchebo's very own Green House where the Chefs grow their fresh herbs and spices to prepare the dishes in Ike's Bistro (Mediterranean Cuisine) and the French Steakhouse. Edgar Roelofs took this opportunity to explain the Minister about the resort's Green Globe Certification, Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence Awards based on traveler reviews. To conclude the morning's visit to the resort, healthy "Island Detox Smoothies", were offered to the Minister along with the entire Manchebo Team.

To close the visit Minister Oduber took his time to thank all the employees for their hard work in the Tourism Industry, explaining to them that "they are the most important key to Manchebo's success". □



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## Dufry Aruba boutique launches Lancôme's Advanced Genifique

**ORANJESTAD** - A small celebration was held Tuesday September 24th, for the launch of the Advanced Genifique of Lancôme brand in the Dufry boutique at the Queen Reina Beatrix Airport.

Leoncita Rivera, General Manager of Dufry Aruba, together with her well trained team of beautiful young women explained to attendees the 10 signs that define youthful-look-

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A complete demonstration

was given by Mexican-born Julie Rodriguez, who flew in for the event from Miami, Florida.

Julie educated the attendees that the aging process starts at 20 and the first wrinkles, expression lines and freckles will begin showing around 27. Actually there is no need for plastic surgery since the Advanced Genifique of Lancôme gives the same results and can save you hundreds or thou-



sands of dollars. Two ladies attending this celebration enjoyed a complete makeover including deep cleansing of the skin, face massage using Advanced Genifique of Lancôme and a makeup session. They responded that "Advanced Genifique smells great and makes my skin feel so soft!" The bottle, with the self loading droppers, provide 4 months, 6 months or one year supply and are for sale at all the Dufry stores in Aruba.

After a glass of Mimosa and pastry, cheese and chocolates, Leoncita informed guests about a new airport service offered by Dufry to traveling guests, both locals and tourists, leaving the island. While waiting for the flights to leave, at US departures, guests will now be able to enjoy a makeup session as well completely free and given by well-trained skin-care makeup artists. This is to enjoy your flight and shine like a princess! □

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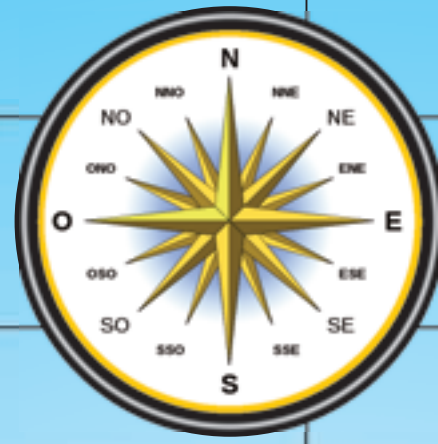
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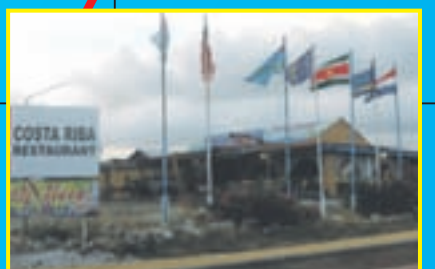
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## USA's comeback renews interest in America's Cup

PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Just a month ago, the America's Cup "village" along San Francisco's waterfront had few visitors. Its trendy, temporary bars often had more staff than patrons and retail workers at souvenir shops stood behind silent cash registers as sailing's most prestigious competition got off to a desultory start with single-competitor "races" that drew little interest. Then Oracle Team USA launched one of the greatest comebacks in the sport's history. On Wednesday, tens of thousands lined up along the city's waterfront, found vantage points on the city's many hills overlooking the San Francisco Bay and took to the water in all manner of watercraft to watch software billionaire Larry Ellison retain sailing's most prestigious trophy.

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Oracle Team USA crew, including skipper Jimmy Spithill, second from left, and tactician Ben Ainslie, front center, celebrate after winning the 19th race against Emirates Team New Zealand to win the America's Cup sailing event Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, in San Francisco.

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## Watson calls for end to Ryder Cup wild-card picks

BERNIE MCGUIRE

Associated Press

**GLENEAGLES, Scotland (AP)** —

Tom Watson's first major move on being appointed United States captain for the 2014 Ryder Cup was to reduce his number of wild-card picks from four to three. If he had his own way, he'd have none at all. "If you really look at it, the purist form of Ryder Cup would be no picks, no captain's picks, 12 players who qualify," Watson said. "That's the way I qualified ... you had 12 players and

no picks. Maybe that's the way it should go back to." If that had been the case at Medinah last year, Europe probably wouldn't have returned back home with the trophy. As it was, Ian Poulter — one of the team's two wild-card selections — proved to be the inspiration behind Europe's memorable comeback from 10-5 down at one stage on Saturday afternoon. No wonder Paul McGinley reaffirmed Europe's commitment to sticking with two wild cards as the rival cap-

tains sat beside each other at an often-jovial news conference at Gleneagles on Tuesday, celebrating the "Year To Go" mark for the 2014 tournament at the Scottish course. Europe is looking to win the biennial competition for the eighth time in the last 10 meetings and McGinley reckons the difference between the teams will be "so slight and so small," just like in Medinah when Jose Maria Olazabal's visiting team prevailed 14½-13½.

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European Ryder Cup Captain Paul McGinley, right, and US Captain Tom Watson pose for photographers after unveiling a plaque at Gleneagles Station in Scotland Monday Sept. 23, 2013, during a photo call to mark a year to go before the start of the 2014 Ryder Cup which will take place in Gleneagles.

Associated Press



# Venus Williams advances at Pan Pacific Open

**TOKYO (AP)** — Venus Williams rallied from a set down to defeat Simona Halep of Romania 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 on Wednesday and reach the quarterfinals of the Pan Pacific Open. Williams, making her first appearance in the Tokyo tournament since 2009, broke serve to lead 5-3 in the third set at Ariake Colosseum and then won with a crosscourt forehand that No. 13-seeded Halep hit into the net.

"It was a very tough match," Williams said. "She played very well. I don't know how I was able to win the match. I just wanted to stay in Japan longer."

Williams, who ousted top-seeded Victoria Azarenka on Tuesday, will face Canada's Eugenie Bouchard in the quarterfinals.

Bouchard upset sixth-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia 7-5, 6-2.

Making her debut in the Tokyo tournament, Bouchard

broke Jankovic to go up 5-2 in the second set and then held serve to win.

Jankovic had a 5-4 lead in the first set but Bouchard won the last three games after a talk with her coach.

"I felt like I wasn't playing my best in the first set," Bouchard said. "But I stayed with her and started to get a lot more aggressive near the end of the first set and that was the turning point."

Bouchard, who is 46th in the world rankings, said winning last year's junior Wimbledon title has given her confidence to compete at a higher level. "That gave me a lot of confidence to play in the pros," Bouchard said. "Playing week in, week out against the top players has made me a better player."

In other third-round matches, fourth-seeded Caroline Wozniacki defeated Magdalena Rybarikova 6-1, 6-1, and second-seeded Agnieszka Rad-



Venus Williams of U.S. returns the ball against Simona Halep of Romania during their third round match of the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013. Venus Williams of U.S. returns the ball against Simona Halep of Romania during their third round match of the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013.

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wanska beat Dominika Cibulkova 6-3, 6-4.

Fifth-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany overpowered No. 11-seeded

Ana Ivanovic of Serbia, 6-4, 6-2, and Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic beat No. 12-seeded Samantha Stosur of Australia, 6-4, 6-4. □

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## CASINO AND SHOPS



## American's Cup

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Workers called in sick, children skipped school and thousands of New Zealanders traveled to San Francisco from their home country to watch sailing's premiere event.

A huge roar went up on Pier 23 when Ellison's 72-foot catamaran came into view for the thousands who chose to watch the race from the finish line. The Oracle boat had a huge lead and was obviously heading for victory.

"USA, USA, USA," the United States fans screamed in unison as the American boat zoomed by and crossed the finish line, completing a remarkable comeback and winning the competition nine races to eight. Oracle was once down 8-1.

"I was so nervous," said 10-year-old Wesley Seifers, a budding sailor who skipped school to watch the race.

"It had to be done," said Vaughn Seifers, Wesley's father. "This is a historic day in sailing."

Some of the many Kiwis who traveled vast dis-



**Oracle Team USA skipper Jimmy Spithill holds up the Auld Mug as they celebrate in the podium after winning the America's Cup sailing event over Emirates Team New Zealand on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, in San Francisco.**

Associated Press

tances at great expense expressed disappointment, mixed with pride and hope for the future.

"Sure it's disappointing," said Tony Giannotti, who came to San Francisco with his wife. "But we'll be back."

Other Kiwis complained that Ellison's deep pockets made the difference. Ellison's two boats were built exclusively with the billion-

aire's money. Team New Zealand cobbled together its funding from many sources, including from the New Zealand government itself.

"All this shows is what money can buy," said Glenn Faulkner, a native New Zealander who lives in Half Moon Bay. "But no worries, mate. We gave it a go and we'll be back."

A flotilla of pleasure craft

followed the Oracle boat as it left the race course and sailed under the San Francisco Bay Bridge on its way back to its storage shed.

The bars and restaurants along the city's water line began to fill and thousands of residents and tourists, a scene no one would have predicted a month ago when the America's Cup got off to a rough start,

including the death of a sailor during a training run over the summer.

Ellison upset many attendees of the annual Oracle "OpenWorld" conference in San Francisco when he skipped delivering the event's keynote address to attend the America's Cup. Ellison's team won both races Tuesday to pull even with Team New Zealand at eight wins each.

Economists say the event will still fall far short of the \$1.4 billion economic boon first predicted, but that the America's Cup will still end up an economic success because of the extra days of racing and excitement the Oracle team's comeback has brought the region.

"Every day that this goes on is a good thing for the city," said Sean Randolph, chief executive of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute. "Aside from the economic benefits, there are incalculable benefits that the city gets from all of this exposure."

Randolph and his organization estimated two years ago that the America's Cup would mean an additional 8,000 jobs and \$1.4 billion for the region. □



**German cyclist Tony Martin indicates three as he celebrates crossing the finish line to win the gold medal in the men's individual time trial event at the road cycling world championships, in Florence, Italy, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013. This is Martin's 3rd consecutive gold medal in the men's individual time trial.**

Associated Press.

**ANDREW DAMPF**  
AP Sports Writer

**FLORENCE, Italy (AP)** — Tony Martin of Germany won his third straight title in the individual time trial at the road cycling world championships with a dominating performance on Wednesday, while Olympic

champion Bradley Wiggins finished a distant second. Martin completed the nearly entirely flat 57.2-kilometer (35.5-mile) route from Montecatini Terme to Florence in 1 hour, 5 minutes, 36.65 seconds.

Wiggins, of Britain, finished second, 46.09 seconds

## Martin wins 3rd straight time trial world title

behind, and Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland was third, 48.34 behind.

Cancellara won the event a record four times, in 2006, '07, '09 and '10, and Martin is the second rider to win three straight after Michael Rogers of Australia did it from 2003-05.

"The first title is always the nicest but this comes pretty close," Martin said. "Now I have a lot more pressure on my shoulders."

After crossing the finish and hugging his team supporters, a joyful Martin dropped to the road on his back and gave a wide smile.

"It was really emotional for me," he said. "The last years gave me a lot of experience. I had to work

with the pressure and to use the pressure as more motivation." The only uphill section of the course was a mild two-kilometer (1.24 mile) stretch shortly after the start. That made it ideal for TT specialists capable of maintaining their aerodynamic position crouched over their handlebars for more than an hour at full speed. Conditions were perfect, with the course bathed in Tuscan sunshine, and fans came out in large numbers as the route took riders past Florence's historic monuments like the Duomo cathedral.

Vasil Kiryienka of Belarus finished fourth and Taylor Phinney, the American who finished second last

year, was fifth.

Martin has now won nine of 12 individual time trials this year, including one at the Tour de France. He also powered Omega Pharma-Quick Step to victory on Sunday in the team time trial at worlds — in another title defense.

Martin said he examined the course for the first time just last week. Since it was mostly flat and straight, the toughest thing was to develop a race strategy.

This time trial was about 10-15 minutes longer than at previous worlds.

The most technical section came just before the finish, with a series of sharp turns along Florence's medieval streets. □



# Giambi homer keeps Indians in wild-card frame

**The Associated Press**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Pinch-hitter Jason Giambi belted a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to give Cleveland a stunning 5-4 win over the White Sox on Tuesday night, keeping the Indians up with the lead pack in the AL wild-card race.

Giambi drove a 1-1 pitch from Addison Reed (5-4) into the lower deck in right field to save the Indians from a potentially devastating loss. Giambi's shot bailed out controversial closer Chris Perez, who gave up two homers in the top of the ninth.

As he rounded third base, the 42-year-old Giambi slowed down before being engulfed by his teammates as the Indians celebrated their 13th straight win over Chicago.

Bryan Shaw (6-3) came in after Perez had nearly given away a game the Indians couldn't afford to lose. RAYS 7, YANKEES 0

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Matt Moore had New York flailing for five wild innings, and the Rays beat the Yankees to push them to the brink of missing out on the postseason for the second time in 19 years.

Tampa Bay roughed up Hiroki Kuroda in tightening its grip on an AL wild-card spot with its fifth straight win. Matt Joyce had a leadoff homer as the Rays jumped ahead 3-0 in the



**Cleveland Indians designated hitter Jason Giambi hits a two-run home run off Chicago White Sox relief pitcher Addison Reed in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013, in Cleveland. Michael Brantley scored. The Indians won 5-4.**

**Associated Press**

first and David DeJesus had two RBI doubles.

Tampa Bay has a one-game lead over Cleveland for the top wild card with five to play. Texas and Kansas City played later.

The Yankees trail the Indians, who won 5-4, by five games — and also are behind the Rangers and Royals. The Yankees would be eliminated Wednesday if Cleveland wins and they lose.

Moore (16-4) gave up only three hits but threw three wild pitches to up his AL-leading total to 16 and walked six.

TIGERS 4, TWINS 2

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Doug Fister struck out seven and the Tigers homered three times in the fourth inning to clinch a playoff berth with a victory over the Twins.

Victor Martinez and Omar Infante went back-to-back and Austin Jackson hit a two-run homer later in the fourth to put the Tigers in front. Fister (14-9) gave up two runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings to help Detroit secure at least an AL wild card.

Cleveland rallied to beat the Chicago White Sox 5-4 in the bottom of the ninth inning to prevent the Tigers from clinching their third

straight AL Central title. One more Tigers win or Indians loss will lock it up for Detroit.

BLUE JAYS 3, ORIOLES 2, 10 innings

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — The Toronto Blue Jays eliminated Baltimore from the playoff hunt, using two clutch RBI singles by Mark DeRosa to beat the Orioles.

Baltimore's sixth straight loss, combined with Cleveland's comeback win over the Chicago White Sox, left the Orioles six games behind the Indians for the final wild-card slot with five games left.

DeRosa singled in the tying

run in the eighth inning and put the Blue Jays ahead in the 10th.

Sergio Santos (1-1) worked a perfect ninth and Casey Janssen got three outs for his 34th save.

Jose Reyes drew a one-out walk in the Toronto 10th off Francisco Rodriguez (2-1) and Munenori Kawasaki singled. Reyes appeared to be picked off second but was called safe, drawing Orioles manager Buck Showalter out to argue the call. Brett Lawrie then hit into a fielder's choice and DeRosa singled to right.

RANGERS 3, ASTROS 2  
**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Adrian Beltre homered at home for the first time in more than a month and the Texas Rangers stayed close in the wild-card race, beating Houston and sending the Astros to their 11th straight loss.

With five games left in the regular season, Texas remained a game behind Cleveland for the AL's second wild-card spot. Tampa Bay is a game ahead of the Indians in a crowded pack.

Beltre's 29th homer snapped a 2-all tie with one out in the sixth. That came after Yu Darvish gave up the lead in the top half of the inning.

Matt Dominguez homered for the Astros. Their 107th loss overall matched the franchise record set last year. □

## Ponder expects to play despite sore ribs

**PAUL LOGOTHETIS**

**AP Sports Writer**

**WATFORD, England (AP)** — Minnesota Vikings quarterback Christian Ponder expects to start Sunday's NFL game in London against the Pittsburgh Steelers despite a rib injury.

Ponder, who picked up the injury early in last Sunday's 31-27 loss to the Browns, emerged from the Vikings first practice in the U.K. on

Wednesday confident of playing at Wembley Stadium.

"It's a little sore and it's going to be something I will have to work through but I threw more than I thought I would be able to," Ponder said. "We'll wait to see how this week plays out but my expectation and my hope is that I will be playing."

Vikings coach Leslie Frazier said Wednesday's practice

would "be a big signal in what direction we'll have to go," with a decision expected by Friday.

Backup quarterback Matt Cassell also took snaps on Wednesday and is ready to step in if Ponder is unavailable.

Ponder has been under pressure since the loss to the Browns dropped the Vikings to 0-3. The third-year quarterback has thrown



**Minnesota Vikings' quarterback Christian Ponder throws the ball during their football practice at the Grove Hotel in Watford, England, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013. Vikings play Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday in a NFL football game at Wembley Stadium in London**

**Associated Press**

five interceptions and two touchdowns for a 65.9 passing rating, and has also lost two fumbles.

"My confidence hasn't wavered," said Ponder, who led the Vikings to the playoffs last season. □



## NL Capsules

# Cards' Wacha loses no-hit bid with 2 outs in 9<sup>th</sup>

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Cardinals rookie Michael Wacha lost his no-hit bid on Ryan Zimmerman's infield single with two outs in the ninth inning, and St. Louis beat the Washington Nationals 2-0 Tuesday night to close in on the NL Central title. Making his ninth career start, Wacha came about as close as possible to finishing off the third no-hitter in the majors this season. Instead, he became the third pitcher to have a bid broken up with one out to go.

Zimmerman hit a chopper just over Wacha's glove — the pitcher said he thought it nicked his mitt — and the ball bounced slowly toward shortstop. A charging Pete Kozma grabbed it with his bare hand and whipped a throw to first that was a little wide, pulling Matt Adams off the bag just as Zimmerman arrived.

The crowd at Busch Stadium let out a loud, collective groan. Third baseman David Freese sat crouched in the infield, stunned at how close his 22-year-old teammate had come. Wacha (4-1) was pulled after Zimmerman's hit and walked off to a huge ovation. Trevor Rosenthal got Jayson Werth to ground out for his second save. Washington left-hander Gio Gonzalez (11-8) pitched seven effective innings, allowing two runs



**St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Michael Wacha throws against the Washington Nationals during the first inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013, in St. Louis.**

Associated Press

and six hits.

PIRATES 8, CUBS 2

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Gerrit Cole threw six strong innings, helping Pittsburgh take over the NL wild-card lead.

The Pirates moved one game ahead of Cincinnati, which lost 4-2 to the Mets. Pittsburgh remained two games behind NL Central-leading St. Louis.

One night after clinching their first postseason spot in 21 years, Cole and the Pirates showed few signs of a letdown. Cole hit a two-run single, Pedro Alvarez drove

in three runs and Jordy Mercer homered.

Cole (10-7) won his fourth straight start, giving up two runs and seven hits.

Cole's single came during a three-run second inning against Chris Rusin (2-6).

METS 4, REDS 2

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Daniel Murphy hit a three-run homer off Mike Leake, whose long streak of scoreless innings got shattered early, and the Mets dealt the Reds a costly setback to their hopes of a second straight NL Central title.

The Reds and Pirates

clinched playoff spots on Monday night, but hope to chase down first-place St. Louis with closing surges. Leake's one very bad inning made that much less likely for Cincinnati.

Leake (14-7) gave up four runs and eight hits in only 1 2-3 innings, matching the shortest start of his career. Wilfredo Tovar ended his scoreless innings streak at 21 2-3 with an RBI single, and Murphy's homer gave left-hander Jon Niese (8-8) the big lead.

Niese allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings. Vic Black faced three batters in the ninth, getting his first career save on his second try.

BRAVES 3, BREWERS 2

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Andrelton Simmons hit a game-ending RBI single with two out in the ninth, lifting the Braves to the victory.

Justin Upton sparked the winning rally with a lead-off single against Donovan Hand (0-5). Upton advanced on Evan Gattis' one-out grounder that Scooter Gennett bobbled behind second base for an infield hit. After Brian McCann popped out, Simmons' first hit of the night ended the game.

Craig Kimbrel (4-3), who leads the majors with 49 saves, struck out the side in the ninth.

Jeff Bianchi hit his first homer of the season in the fifth for Milwaukee.

PHILLIES 2, MARLINS 1

**MIAMI (AP)** — Darin Ruf and Kevin Frandsen each drove in a run in the first inning, and the Phillies handed the Marlins their 100th loss of the season.

It's the second triple-digit-loss season in Marlins history, joining the 108-defeat year in 1998. Mike Redmond, the first-year Marlins manager, was a rookie on that team, playing in 37 games.

Ruf drew a bases-loaded walk, Frandsen followed with an RBI groundout and that was all the offense that the Phillies would need. Michael Stutes (3-1) got the win by working a scoreless fifth inning in relief, and Jonathan Papelbon pitched the ninth for his 29th save in 36 chances. Marlins starter Henderson Alvarez (4-6) allowed five hits and struck out five in seven innings. Justin Rugiano had two hits for Miami, one of them an RBI double where he was thrown out at third.

DIAMONDBACKS 2, PADRES 1, 12 innings

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Didi Gregorius tripled home the tiebreaking run in the 12th inning to lift the Diamondbacks over the Padres.

Paul Goldschmidt hit his NL-best 36th homer for the Diamondbacks, extending his hitting streak to 14 games and increasing his league-leading RBI total to 124. □



**U.S. Ryder Cup Captain Tom Watson, smiles, during a press conference to launch the Ryder Cup, at The Gleneagles Hotel, Gleneagles, Scotland, Tuesday Sept. 24, 2013.**

Associated Press

## Ryder Cup

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"At the risk of repeating myself, I really see this as, again, boxing parlance, two heavyweights going toe-to-toe, 15 rounds," McGinley said. "I know we are on home soil, but I know it's going to be a very formidable package that Tom is going to pose to us, and I know that ... that's what makes it so enthralling."

For the United States to break Europe's recent stranglehold, Watson could do with 14-time major win-

ner Tiger Woods transferring his form on the PGA Tour to the Ryder Cup.

Back as the world's top-ranked player, Woods still struggles to produce his best in the team competition, winning the Ryder Cup just once — in 1999 — since his debut in '97. He only won half a point at Medinah and tied Raymond Floyd for most losses in foursomes (8).

Watson sees Woods as pivotal, though, comparing his aura to that of Jack Nicklaus.

"Tiger has a sense about him and in talking to Davis

(Love III), he was very much a leader at Medinah," Watson said. "We need him to be a leader. There's not a question about that."

"I don't care who you are, if you don't look up to Tiger Woods, what he's accomplished in his career and say, 'I want to play like Tiger Woods,' you don't know what you're talking about."

Qualifying for the Ryder Cup began a month ago in Europe while American qualifying will get under way on Oct. 10 with the Frys.com Open in San Martin, California.



# IHS study puts iPhone 5S production costs at \$191



The Sept. 20, 2013 file photo shows a customer configuring the fingerprint scanner technology built into iPhone 5S at an Apple store in Wangfujing shopping district in Beijing.

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — While the iPhone 5S includes a handful of new features that set it apart from Apple's previous model, the actual cost to make the phone hasn't changed very much, according to a new study. An IHS Inc. teardown of the new smartphone found

that the components that make up a 16-gigabyte iPhone 5S cost \$190.70. Manufacturing costs add another \$8, bringing the total production cost to \$198.70. In comparison, the iPhone 5, which hit the market a year ago, cost \$197 to

make.

Andrew Rassweiler, IHS' senior director for cost benchmarking services, noted that the 5S includes features new to the smartphone world, such as a 64-bit apps processor and a fingerprint identification sensor, without a significant

jump in costs.

The research firm also dissected a 16-gigabyte iPhone 5C, a cheaper version of the 5S, and put its total production cost at \$173.45, including \$7 in manufacturing costs. Rassweiler said the 5C is basically an iPhone 5

wrapped in plastic, noting that it has basically the same features, but benefits from typical component price drops, along with its cheaper plastic enclosure. The 5C has a starting sticker price of \$549, but will sell for \$99 with a two-year wireless contract.

It's Apple's least-expensive iPhone ever and is an effort to boost sales in China and other areas where people don't have as much money to spend on new gadgets as they do in the U.S. and Europe.

But critics have said that the phone is still too expensive to sell well in emerging markets.

IHS said that while it costs substantially less to produce an iPhone 5C than it did an iPhone 5, those costs are still on the high side.

It added that in order to merit the low-end smartphone pricing of \$400 that many industry observers had expected, while maintaining typical Apple profit margins, the company would need to reduce its 5C production costs to about \$130.

Monday Apple reported that it sold 9 million of the two new models since their launch on Friday - its strongest iPhone launch ever - and that demand was exceeding supply. □

## Survey: 15 percent of Americans don't go online

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AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Internet has become so entwined in their lives that many Americans might have trouble coping without it. But a new survey found that some 15 percent of Americans — about 1 in 7 — don't use the Internet at all. Most of them prefer it that way. The study released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project also found that another 9 percent of U.S. adults only use the Internet when they are not at home. Adults with lower levels of income

and education, as well as blacks and Hispanics, are significantly more likely to rely on Internet access outside of their home, in libraries, at work or elsewhere. Of the people who don't go online, only 8 percent want to. The rest said they are not interested.

Nearly everyone who goes online has broadband access, the report found. Only 3 percent of people who use the Internet do so using a dial-up connection. Internet use has increased steadily since Pew began doing the survey. In 1995, only 14 percent of Americans said they went online. By 2000, half were online

and by 2007, three-quarters. As in previous years, age, income, education level and race have a lot to do with who is and isn't online. Forty-four percent of people 65 or older are not online, compared with 2 percent of those aged 18 to 29. Of people who have not graduated from high school, 41 percent don't go online, compared with 4 percent of those with a college degree. Nearly a quarter of people with household incomes of less than \$30,000 per year are offline, compared with 4 percent of those with \$75,000 or more. Gender didn't seem to make a dif-

ference in whether someone went online or not. Eighty-five percent of men use the Internet, along with 84 percent of women.

Here are some of the reasons people gave for not going online:

— 34 percent think the Internet is not relevant to them — they are not interested, don't want to use it or don't need it.

— 13 percent don't have a computer, 7 percent don't have Internet access and 6 percent said it's too expensive.

— Three percent said they are worried about things such as privacy, viruses, spam or hackers.

— Four percent think it's a waste of time. That doesn't stop the rest of us, though.

— Nearly a third of people cited usability for not going online. This includes people who say they are too old or physically unable to get online because they have poor eyesight or are disabled, along with people who find it too difficult to use. Those who worry about privacy and such are also lumped into this category. The survey of 2,252 U.S. adults was conducted from April 17 to May 19 on landline and mobile phones. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.3 percentage points. □



# Wal-Mart, Washington worries tank stock market

**KEN SWEET**

**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Wal-Mart spooked the stock market Wednesday — helping push stocks lower for a fifth straight day.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 61.33 points, or 0.4 percent, to 15,273.26. The Dow was dragged

more, and in other areas it was ordering less.

"This is business as usual," Tovar said, noting that it was part of an ongoing process of managing the seasonality of the business based on consumer demand.

Wal-Mart fell \$1.10, or 1.5 percent, to \$74.65, taking

my and the growing possibility of a government shutdown also continue to weigh on investors' minds. In just a week, the mood of investors has shifted from giddiness over more Federal Reserve stimulus to concern that that a government shutdown could harm the fragile U.S. eco-

raised before Oct. 17, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew told Congress in a letter Wednesday.

The Republican-controlled House of Representatives has passed a temporary spending bill and a vote in the Democrat-controlled Senate is expected later this week.

However, a conflict between the two parties over funding the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," has yet to be resolved. Both chambers of Congress have yet to address the issue of the debt ceiling.

"The action over the last few days has been far more tied to the intractability of Congress and the president than the concerns about what the Federal Reserve is going to do next," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank, which manages \$66 billion in assets.

Ablin said investors have bad memories from August 2011, the last time Congress and President Barack Obama fought over the debt ceiling and the budget, which ultimately led Standard & Poor's to downgrade the credit rating of the U.S.

Although the U.S. and Europe are in better shape two years later, there are concerns about real damage to the economy if the budget battle turns ugly. U.S. economic growth slowed considerably in the third quarter of 2011, the same quarter as the downgrade. □



**Boxes of Paula Deen tea kettles are displayed in a Little Rock, Ark., Wal-Mart Stores Inc. store Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013. Despite a July, 2013, announcement that it had ended its relationship with the Southern cook, the retailer said Wednesday it expects to keep her branded cookware on the shelves through the end of the year. Wal-Mart spooked the stock market Wednesday after Bloomberg News reported that the world's biggest retailer is cutting orders with suppliers as unsold merchandise piles up.**

(AP Photo/Danny Johnston)

down by Wal-Mart after Bloomberg News reported that the world's biggest retailer is cutting orders with suppliers as unsold merchandise piles up.

Wal-Mart spokesman Dave Tovar said the report was misleading and that in some categories, the discounter was ordering

the rest of the market with it.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell five points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,692.77. Its five-day losing streak is the longest this year.

The Nasdaq composite lost seven points, or 0.2 percent, to 3,761.10.

Worries about the econo-

mic recovery.

Two financial deadlines for the U.S. government loom. Congress needs to pass a funding bill to keep the government operating after Oct. 1, when the Federal government's new fiscal year starts. There is also the issue of the nation's debt ceiling, which needs to be

# Wheat rises on concern about Argentine crop

**STEVE ROTHWELL**

**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Wheat rose the most in four weeks Wednesday on concern that frost damaged the crop in Argentina.

A smaller harvest in Argentina would cut the country's exports and reduce the global supply of the grain.

Wheat for December delivery rose 12.25 cents, or 1.9 percent, to \$6.7050 a bushel. That was the biggest increase since Aug.

26.

"If you've got a problem with the freeze in the wheat crop down in Argentina.... half their production goes out the door," said Mike Zuzolo, an analyst at Global Commodity Analytics.

Soybeans and corn also rose. November soybeans gained 9.25 cents, or 0.7 percent, to \$13.22 a bushel. Corn for December gained 6 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$4.55 a bushel.

In metals trading, prices for all major metals increased.

Gold logged the biggest gain. December gold climbed \$19.90, or 1.5 percent, to \$1,336.20 an ounce, its first advance in four days. Silver for the same month gained 30 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$21.89.

December copper rose 1.6 cents, or 0.5 percent, to \$3.27 a pound. Platinum for October delivery gained \$10, or 0.7 percent, to \$1,428.80. Palladium for December gained \$5.70, or 0.8 percent, to \$725.70 an

ounce.

In energy trading, oil fell for a fifth straight day after the Energy Department reported an unexpected increase in U.S. oil and gasoline supplies. Oil dropped 47 cents to settle at \$102.66 a barrel. That's the lowest closing price since July 3.

Wholesale gasoline rose 1 cent to \$2.67 per gallon. Natural gas was flat at \$3.49 per 1,000 cubic feet and heating oil rose 1 cent to \$2.97 per gallon. □

# Oil falls; supply data offsets US housing report

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Oil fell for a fifth straight day as an unexpected increase in U.S. oil and gasoline supplies offset positive economic news.

Benchmark oil for November delivery dropped 47 cents to finish at \$102.66 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's the lowest closing price since July 3.

Oil has fallen 7 percent since closing at a two-year high of \$110.53 on Sept. 6. Since then, diplomatic efforts have averted a U.S. military strike against Syria, and tensions between the U.S. and Iran have shown signs of a thaw. As a result, the market has removed the so-called risk premium from oil, which some analysts put at about \$5 to \$6 a barrel.

On Wednesday, there were signs of a slowdown in demand for oil and fuel following the end of the summer driving season. The Energy Department said that U.S. crude oil supplies increased by 2.6 million barrels, while gasoline supplies rose 200,000 barrels in the week ended Sept. 20. Analysts expected supplies of both oil and gasoline to drop. The increase in supplies came as refineries pulled back from a strong pace during the late summer. On the economic front, reports showed Americans stepped up purchases of new homes in August after cutting back in July, while companies placed slightly more orders in August for U.S. long-lasting manufactured goods. Still, investors remained cautious as Congress and the White House gear up for another budget fight. Failure to reach an agreement could make it impossible for the government to pay some of its bills.

In other markets, Brent crude, the benchmark for international crudes used by many U.S. refineries, slipped 32 cents to \$108.32 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London. □



## Alibaba will make move toward an IPO in the US

NEIL GOUGH

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**HONG KONG** - The Chinese Internet company Alibaba has ended talks with the Hong Kong stock exchange over an initial public offering and is now moving forward with plans to list in New York, a person close to Alibaba said Wednesday.

Alibaba's "dialogue with Hong Kong" has "come to the end," the person said, declining to be named because the information was not public. The company is "now turning to the U.S. to start the listing process," the person added.

The company has yet to appoint underwriters for an IPO or submit filings to sell shares in any market. Alibaba has, however, hired a U.S. law firm to work on its offering and plans to "be hiring banks soon," the person said. In its discussions over a potential listing - which, at as much as \$15 billion, would be a huge victory for any stock exchange - Alibaba had proposed to officials in Hong Kong that the company's 28-member partner committee be allowed to continue to nominate a majority of its board of directors. Hong Kong discourages companies from organizing in a way that favors dual-class shareholding over individual shareholdings, or gives one shareholder a disproportionate say over how a company is run.

Hong Kong appears to have declined to make an exception in Alibaba's case. A spokesman for the Hong Kong exchange declined to comment Wednesday, citing company policy.

Losing the Alibaba IPO to New York would be a major setback for Hong Kong, which ranked as the world's biggest market for new share offerings from 2009 to 2011 but has seen deal volumes slump in the past two years.

In a long post on his official blog Wednesday, Charles Li, the chief executive of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing, the stock

market operator, leapt into the debate that has whirled around the city's financial circles on the conditions attached to Alibaba's proposed IPO.

"There has been a lot said and written about investor protection, share structures and voting rights in Hong Kong in recent weeks," Li wrote in his blog.

Without naming Alibaba, he admitted to having lost sleep weighing the various arguments for and against making concessions to the listing rules.

"Whenever I try to focus on the issues," he said, "I can't get the voices out of my head." In the event of a conflict, the interests of shareholders in the Hong Kong exchange are secondary to the larger public interest, Li wrote.

"It is in this context of the broader public interest of Hong Kong that I chose to make my contribution to this important debate," he added. David Neuville, a capital markets partner based in Hong Kong at the U.S. law firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, said he was surprised by Alibaba's apparent decision to abandon Hong Kong for New York. "It is a substantial blow for the Hong Kong stock exchange, which is a profit-making business," Neuville said. Analysts and investors expect Alibaba's listing - if, when and where it happens - to be one of the biggest and most highly anticipated since Facebook raised \$16 billion in May 2012.

Alibaba's online businesses include Alibaba.com, which links overseas buyers with Chinese exporters; Tmall.com, which lets retailers connect with online shoppers; and the consumer-to-consumer retail website Taobao Marketplace.

Alibaba's profit more than tripled in the first quarter of the year, rising to \$668.7 million from \$220.5 million in the period a year earlier, according to stock exchange filings. Quarterly revenue increased 72 percent, to \$1.38 billion. □

## Home and stock values boost Americans' household wealth

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

U.S. household net worth jumped \$1.3 trillion in the spring, fueled by gains in home and stock values.

The Federal Reserve said Wednesday that net worth rose to \$74.8 trillion in the April-June quarter, up 1.8 percent from the first quarter. Home prices and stock markets have risen further since then, suggesting that Americans' net worth is now even higher.

The gains in wealth haven't been evenly distributed. Home ownership has declined since the recession, particularly among lower-income Americans. And the wealthiest 10 percent

of households own about 80 percent of stocks.

Americans' wealth bottomed at \$57.2 trillion in 2008 during the Great Recession. It's since risen \$17.6 trillion.

Household wealth, or net worth, reflects the value of assets like homes, stocks and bank accounts minus debts like mortgages and credit cards.

Greater net worth can boost consumers' willingness and ability to spend. That could accelerate economic growth. Some economists say higher household wealth enabled Americans to spend more this year despite higher Social Security taxes and higher income taxes on

wealthier Americans that took effect at the start of the year.

Home values rose \$525 billion in the April-June quarter, stock and mutual fund portfolios \$300 billion.

Consumers took on slightly more debt last quarter, mostly in the form of auto and student loans. Credit card debt rose slightly, too. On Wednesday, the Fed revised up its previous data on household wealth to reflect changes in the government's accounting of pension promises. The government now counts benefits that are promised by pension plans as an asset. This change added about \$3 trillion in wealth to previously reported figures. □

## ICAP paying \$87M for LIBOR charges

MARCY GORDON

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Britain's ICAP PLC has agreed to pay about \$87 million to settle U.S. and U.K. charges of manipulating a key global interest rate, the fourth financial firm sanctioned in the international rate-rigging scandal.

The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission said Wednesday that ICAP, the world's largest broker of trades between banks, engaged in rigging of the London interbank offered rate, or LIBOR, from October 2006 to January 2011.

Separately, U.S. prosecutors filed criminal charges in Manhattan on Wednesday against three former ICAP brokers, saying they hurt the integrity of the financial markets by taking part in the scheme.

Brokers Darrell Read of New Zealand and Daniel Wilkinson and Colin Goodman of Britain were each charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and two counts of wire fraud. They face a maximum 30 years in prison for each of three counts.

A British banking trade group sets the LIBOR every morning after international banks submit estimates of what it costs them to bor-

row. The rate affects trillions of dollars in contracts around the world, including mortgages, bonds and consumer loans.

Britain's Barclays Bank and Royal Bank of Scotland, and UBS, Switzerland's big-

vestigated.

Britain's Financial Conduct Authority fined ICAP \$22.4 million, while the CFTC levied a \$65 million penalty against the firm. ICAP also agreed to take steps to ensure the accuracy of the interest rate information it submits. London-based ICAP said in a statement it has been cooperating with a criminal investigation by the U.S. Justice Department. "We deeply regret and strongly condemn the inexcusable actions of the brokers who sought to assist certain bank traders in their efforts to manipulate" LIBOR, said ICAP Chief Executive Officer Michael Spencer. The misconduct at ICAP involved a large number of brokers, including two managers, the regulators said. One broker, known as "Lord LIBOR" or "Mr. LIBOR," engaged in manipulation to aid a favored client of ICAP who was a trader at UBS in Japan, according to the CFTC.

UBS made at least 330 written requests to ICAP brokers for inaccurate interest-rate information, the regulators said.

Weak supervision by ICAP allowed the misconduct to continue for more than four years, they said. □



**European Commissioner for Internal Market Michel Barnier gestures while speaking during a media conference at EU headquarters in Brussels. The EU seeks to regulate financial benchmarks that are used in transactions worth trillions of dollars to prevent further market manipulations such as the one involving LIBOR, a critical interest rate banks use to borrow from each other.**

(AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

gest bank, have paid a total \$2.5 billion to settle charges of rigging the LIBOR.

Other banks, including Citigroup Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co, are being in-



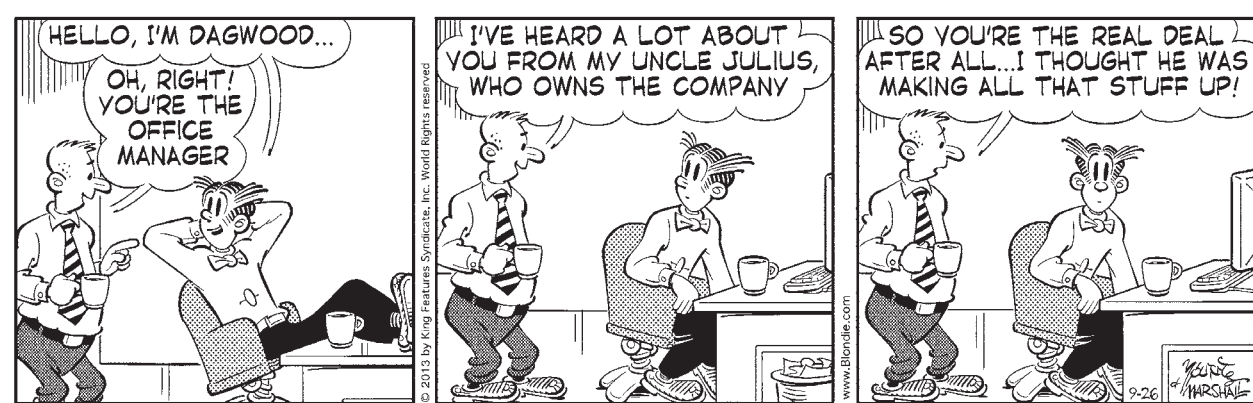
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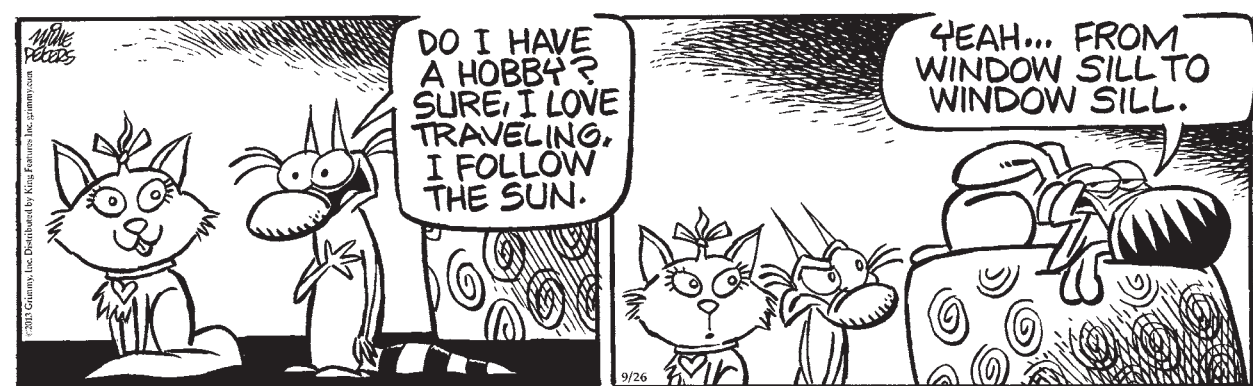
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

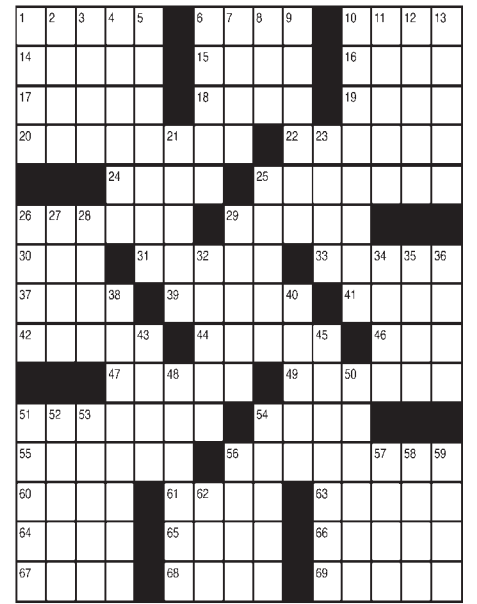
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# Surf industry hopes surf parks will expand sport

GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press

LAGUNA BEACH, California

(AP) — Some of surfing's biggest names aren't just catching waves. They're also talking about making them.

Surf parks — massive pools with repeating, artificial waves — are the latest buzzword in the surf community, as everyone from top athletes to retailers look for ways to expand the sport, boost sales and create a standardized way to train that could help surfing earn an Olympic pedigree.

"Mother Nature stipulates that surfing only can occur where waves can be born. When man takes his hand to forming the waves, it unlocks the potential of surfing anywhere. And that is the most powerful thing," said Doug Palladini, president of the Surf Industry Manufacturers Association.

This month, dozens of industry leaders, surfers and investors met in Laguna Beach in Southern California for the first annual Surf Park Summit to spark interest in a business proposition that could breathe life into a sport that struggled during the recession.

About 50 percent of independent, mom-and-pop surf retailers — the heart and soul of surf culture — shut down worldwide during the recession and those that survived face an increasingly saturated market that is limited by geography.

Enter the dream surf park, a 2-acre (0.81-hectare) wave pool capable of generating anything from tiny beginner ripples to 10-foot (3-meter) barrels every minute, with every wave the same. Customers would pay by the number of waves to learn the sport or refine their technique and learn new tricks.

The prospect has surf board manufacturers and apparel retailers salivating at the thought of new markets for surf gear and clothing in land-locked places. But parks would



A surfer rides the machine-made wave at Wavehouse San Diego Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, in San Diego. Surf parks - massive pools with repeating, artificial waves - are the latest buzzword in the surf community.

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also be prime real estate for sponsored surfing competitions that would draw both eyeballs and dollars.

At the summit, speakers tossed out tantalizing what-ifs: A national surfing league, much like the National Basketball Association, with feeder teams and city affiliations. Live, televised surfing competitions staged with predictable waves in a massive surf arena.

Some even believe surf parks could propel the sport into the Olympics, a dream that has so far proven elusive.

"Without man-made waves, there will not be Olympic surfing," said Fernando Aguerre, president of the International Surfing Association. "It's the ultimate wave-sharing that you can imagine."

Olympics aside, everyday surfers who already live near the beach say even they would use the parks as a supplement to the ocean, to refine their skills on a consistent wave or get in a few rides when the natural surf is bad.

"In a park, you can always

get in a perfect position, the wave will always be perfect and you can really work on your surfing," said Cliff Char, 54, who's been surfing 15 years near his hometown of Seal Beach.

Detractors, however, worry that in the rush to surf parks, the sport will lose its soul. Betting on artificial waves, they say, will sanitize and commercialize a pastime the most passionate surfers describe as a solitary, rugged pursuit where athletes and nature commune. They say the sport will lose sight of its culture and history if the next generation learns to rip on chlorinated water.

"The problem is, 'surf culture' is about so much more than just riding a wave. It is about having a genuine respect and connection with the ocean," said Zac Heisey, a surfer and freelance writer who addressed the debate on his blog, In The Name of Surfing.

Others are concerned that the energy required to power waves big enough for surf parks will contribute to global warming.

Momentum around surf parks has been growing

since the 1960s, but fewer than a dozen serious parks currently exist in locations from Florida to Malaysia — and cost and wave technology have always been stumbling blocks.

That technology has now advanced enough to make parks economically viable, but operators will need to build near large population centers and make the pool the centerpiece of a larger development to make a profit, said Tom Lochtefeld, owner of Wave Loch, a wave technology company.

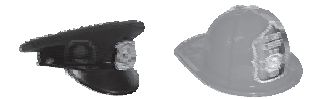
Some of the biggest and best-known include Disney's Typhoon Lagoon in Florida, Wadi Adventure in United Arab Emirates and Wavegarden, a private research and development site tucked away in Spain's Basque country.

A park that would attract serious surfers would run between \$15 million and \$25 million to build and need to be at least 2 acres (0.81 hectares) in size to allow surfers to paddle in, Lochtefeld said. □

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# Study: BP spill damaged sea-floor life for miles

**JANET McCONNAUGHEY**

**Associated Press**

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — The vast 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill damaged the tiny animals that live on the sea floor for about 57 square miles (147 sq. kilometers) around the blown-out BP oil well, with severe damage in about nine square miles (23 sq. kilometers) of that area, says a researcher from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Pollution and damage to animal life was severe nearly two miles (about 3 kms) from the wellhead and identifiable more than 10 miles (16 kms) away, Paul Montagna wrote in a report published Tuesday in the online journal PLOS One.

Montagna, a professor of ecosystems and modeling, said the refrigerator-cold water a mile (1.6 kms) beneath the surface means oil takes longer to decay than in shallower waters, where spill recovery has taken years to decades. That means full recovery could take a generation or more, he said in an interview Tuesday.

"This is the first large-scale



**In an April 21, 2010 file photo, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig burns after a deadly explosion in the Gulf of Mexico. U.S. District Judge Jane Triche Milazzo accepted a plea agreement Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013 that calls for Halliburton Energy Services to pay a \$200,000 fine for destroying evidence after BP's 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.**

**Associated Press**

examination of the impact on the soft bottom, which is the largest habitat in deep water," said Robert Carney, a deep-sea ecologist and professor in Louisiana State University's department of oceanography and coastal sciences. Car-

ney, who was not part of this study, said Wednesday that it was well done.

He said he wasn't surprised by the extent of the damage, given the size and reach of the plume of oil. BP PLC's Macondo well blew wild for nearly three

months starting April 20, 2010, when an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig killed 11 workers. "The plume ... drifted all over the place," so oil that became heavy enough to sink could cover a large area, Carney said.

The study is part of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment that will help decide what damages BP must pay. Montagna said he expects to be subpoenaed as part of the litigation spawned by the oil spill, since he was working for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and with NOAA scientists.

BP issued a statement expressing skepticism about some details of the report.

"The paper provides no data to support a claim that it could take decades for these deep sea species to recover. In fact, the researchers acknowledge that little is known about recovery rates of these communities following an event such as this," BP said. It said the paper "confirms that potential injury to the deep sea soft sediment ecosystem was limited to

a small area in the immediate vicinity of the Macondo well-head" first identified in December 2010.

Because it was the nation's first deep-sea spill, "we're in uncharted territory," said Montagna, who took seabottom cores in September and October 2010, looking for oil. The well had been capped July 15, but cleanup and other vessels kept the survey boats from checking some spots where they wanted samples, Montagna said.

"What was astounding was we found effects out to many, many miles (kilometers)," Montagna said.

He said he was surprised in spite of the extent of the spill, which closed about 88,000 square miles (227,900 sq. kilometers) of federal waters to fishing.

"When the spill started, we were saying, 'Oil floats. There won't be effects on the deep sea or bottom. Obviously that wasn't true,'" he said. The scientists analyzed core samples from 68 sites between one-third of a mile and nearly 78 miles (125 kilometers) from the Macondo wellhead, looking for animal life and for pollutants such as the toxic oil components called

polyaromatic hydrocarbons and heavy metals such as barium from drilling mud used in unsuccessful attempts to shut the well. Statistical analysis reduced it to one number — an index of high contamination and low biological diversity — used to map the effects. The analysis took so much time because one step was counting and classifying animals less than one-hundredth of an inch long and comparing the numbers of nematode worms and the tiny crustaceans called copepods, which are more sensitive to pollution. That is still going on for samples from a follow-up cruise in spring 2011 and hasn't even begun for 102 of the sites checked in 2010, Montagna said.

The team hopes for a spring 2014 cruise, he said. Carney said "the neatest thing" is that the information is public. □

## Spacecraft with American, 2 Russians blasts off



**In this photo released by the Gwadar local government office on Wednesday, Sept 25, 2013, people walk on an island that reportedly emerged off the Gwadar coastline in the Arabian Sea.**

**Associated Press**

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REBECCA SANTANA  
Associated Press**

**KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)** — Alongside the carnage of Pakistan's massive earthquake came a new creation: a small island of mud, stone and bubbling gas pushed forth from the seabed.

Experts say the island was formed by the massive movement of the earth during the 7.7-magnitude quake that hit Pakistan's Baluchistan province on Tuesday, killing at least 285 people.

"That big shock beneath the earth causes a lot of disturbance," said Zahid Rafi, director of the National Seismic Monitoring Center.

The island appeared off the coast of Gwadar, a port about 330 miles (533

kilometers) from Pakistan's largest city of Karachi and 75 miles (120 kilometers) from Iran. Navy geologist Mohammed Danish told Pakistan's Geo Television that a Pakistani Navy team visited the island Wednesday.

He said the mass was about 60 feet (18 meters) high, 100 feet (30 meters) wide and 250 feet (76 meters) long, making it a little wider than a tennis court and slightly shorter than a football field.

Such islands are not entirely unusual to scientists who study the earth and its sometimes violent movements.

Marco Bohnhoff, a professor of seismology at the German Center for Geosciences in Potsdam said there are two ways such islands can be created. □



# Muppet magic probed in new biography of Jim Henson

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If ever you had a single question about the felt magic Jim Henson managed to create, chances are Brian Jay Jones' sweeping new biography of the puppeteer will answer it. Wondered why Miss Piggy is the way she is? Consider that her father was killed in a tractor accident, at least in the elaborate character back story created by the Muppets' masters.

Thought Kermit was always synonymous with frog? Fact is, he had not taken on an amphibious identity in initial appearances, and was not green but the milky blue of an old coat of Henson's mother.

Curious about the Muppets' late-night engagements? Bet you didn't know they once shared a Las Vegas stage with Nancy Sinatra and made regular appearances on "Saturday Night Live."

Jones offers a meticulously researched tome chock-full of gems about the Muppets and the most thorough portrait of their creator ever crafted. Henson's story, from his birth in the Mississippi Delta, to his first forays into puppetry as a teenager, to his sudden death in 1990 at the age of 53, is documented in depth.

We're taken along to the creation of iconic characters, the birth of "Sesame Street," the strain in Henson's marriage, friction with revered children's authors Roald Dahl and Maurice Sendak, and unending merger talks with Disney. We learn Henson's first choice to cast in the central goblin king character of "Labyrinth" was Sting, not David Bowie, who he was swayed to choose by his children. We're told of Henson collapsing in fits of laughter on the set of "The Muppet Show," of him spending hours under-

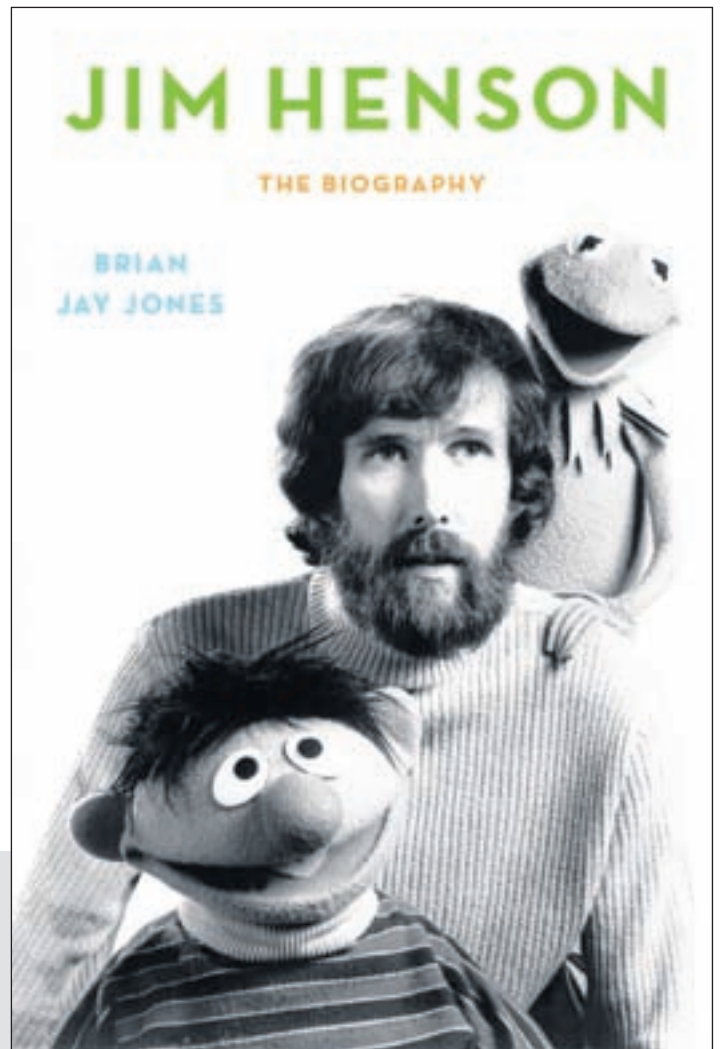
water to film the "Rainbow Connection" scene of "The Muppet Movie," and how the puppets were so real they could be disarming to crew members.

It is, in a word, exhaustive, and at times, exhausting. At its low points, the book drags, reading like an old datebook of Henson's, chronicling every Christmas, every vacation, every minor project, every critic's review. But at its best, it gives a glimpse of the silliness on Muppet sets, of Henson's drive and his soft-spoken genius that in such a short life managed to create so much.

It is a better world with the Muppets. And we are better off with this careful account of their master. □

This book cover image released by Ballantine Books shows "Jim Henson: The Biography," by Brian Jay Jones.

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## Bryan Cranston to guest on 'How I Met Your Mother'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — CBS says "Breaking Bad" star Bryan Cranston is coming back to "How I Met Your Mother."

Cranston will reprise his role as Hammond Druthers, who was Ted's old boss until he had a meltdown, the network said Wednesday. Ted is played by series star Josh Radnor.

It's a real change of pace for Cranston, who plays teacher-turned-meth maker Walter White on "Breaking Bad." The series, which won a best drama Emmy Award last weekend, airs its season finale on Sunday.



This Sept. 22, 2013 file photo shows Bryan Cranston at the 65th Primetime Emmy Awards at Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

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"How I Met Your Mother" began its final season on Monday. □

## Actor Gary Sinise donates to Colorado firefighters

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (AP)** — Actor Gary Sinise, well-known for his role as Lieutenant Dan in the movie "Forrest Gump," has made a large donation to help first responders who rescued people and fought the most destructive wildfire in Colorado history. Black Forest Fire Chief Bob Harvey choked back tears Tuesday while accepting

the nearly \$60,000 check he says his department desperately needs. KKTU-TV reports the largely volunteer fire department this summer lost many expensive pieces of equipment,

including radios and fire hoses, while battling Black Forest Fire northeast of Colorado Springs. Those will all be replaced. □

## Dr. Drew Pinsky announces he had prostate cancer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Dr. Drew Pinsky says he had his prostate removed earlier this year after discovering he had cancer.

The host of HLN's "Dr. Drew on Call" wrote Tuesday on the cable network's site that he returned to work in 10 days after having a robotic prostatectomy in July. Pinsky says he's now cancer-free and the only remnants from his surgery are six small scars on his torso. The 55-year-old TV personality and addiction specialist hosts "Dr. Drew on Call" on HLN. He previ-



In this June 16, 2013 file photo, Dr. Drew Pinsky arrives at the 40th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

ously appeared on such TV series as "Lovelace," "Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew" and "Lifechangers."

## Lorne Michaels, Tina Fey reunite for 'SNL' opener



In this Dec. 20, 2013 file photo, Lorne Michaels, left, and Tina Fey attend the "30 Rock" farewell wrap party in New York. Fey will host the season opener of "Saturday Night Live," on Sept. 28.

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — When "Saturday Night Live" returns this weekend for its 39th year, executive producer Lorne Michaels won't be fretting. "We're gonna do a good show," he declared. "Every time Tina has come back, the show's been great." He's talking about former "SNL" regular and frequent guest Tina Fey, of course, back again to host this

season premiere (Saturday at 11:30 p.m. EDT on NBC, with musical guest Arcade Fire). Joining Michaels for a phone interview on Tuesday, Fey laughingly labeled "a coincidence" her presence on any good shows she's guest hosted. But she offered a couple of ways she might be serving "SNL" well this week.

"One, I have nothing to promote," she promised, "so we've got plenty of time for other things."

"Two, I'm always happy to play straight person, so, hopefully, the cast will get to do more than when they have other kinds of hosts. You might get to see those new guys more. Although I'm not promising their parents anything."

The "new guys" are the half-dozen rookie cast members — Beck Bennett, John Milhiser, Kyle Mooney, Mike O'Brien, Noel Wells and Brooks Wheelan.

Michaels agreed that neither their parents nor any other viewer should count on them making a splash on opening night.

Their only sure sighting? As members of the troupe when it convenes at the end to say goodnight.

"The intent is always to go slowly and not put anyone

out there unless you feel they can score," Michaels said.

"I think if they have one line as a waiter in a sketch, they'll be thrilled," Fey said. These six newcomers are helping fill the larger-than-usual void left last season by exiting "SNL" stars Fred Armisen, Bill Hader and Jason Sudeikis.

Is Michaels feeling the absence of that mighty trio?

"I saw them all within the last week," he said dryly, "so I don't really feel their absence."

But what about viewers?

"I can't concern myself with how viewers feel," he cracked, which made Fey chuckle. "It's always been that way," Michaels went on, turning serious. He pointed to "SNL" alums Will Ferrell, Amy Poehler and Fey, who all got big laughs as part of Sunday's Emmycast. "You feel really proud that they're as good as they are, and that you were part of that," he said. "But 'Saturday Night Live' has always been about reinvention, and we're doing it again. That's what keeps the show alive."

On Monday, he and Fey flew back from Los Angeles, where "Saturday Night Live" landed its 40th Emmy (the most for any series in history) and Fey shared the comedy-series writing Emmy with Tracey Wigfield for "30 Rock." On arriving in New York, they went straight to the week's first "SNL" meeting at 10 p.m.

This season promises to be even busier than usual for Michaels, the famous multi-tasker, whose duties now include "The Tonight Show" with Jimmy Fallon hosting from New York starting early next year.

With this promotion, Fallon will leave "Late Night," also part of Michaels' empire. Seth Meyers takes over that hosting assignment.

But for now Meyers will remain at the "Weekend Update" anchor desk, joined by sophomore "SNL" player Cecily Strong. □



## Good Populism, Bad Populism



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Here's the good news for Republicans: The party now has a faction committed to learning real lessons from the 2012 defeat, breaking with the right's stale policy consensus and embracing new ideas on a range of issues, from foreign policy to middle-class taxes, the drug war to banking reform.

Here's the bad news for Republicans: The party also has a faction committed to a reckless, point-less budget brinkmanship, which creates a perpetual cycle of outrage and disillusionment among conservatives and leaves Washington lurching from one manufactured crisis to the next.

Here's the strange news for Republicans: These two factions are actually one and the same.

The media tend to assume that moderation and reform are essentially synonymous. But ever since Mitt Romney lost last November, most of the genuine policy innovation on the right has come from the party's populist, Tea Party-affiliated wing. The key figure has been Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, whose anti-war conservatism has kicked off a post-Iraq foreign policy debate that the party desperately needed, and whose forays into issues like sentencing reform and drug policy have raised the possibility of a national Republican Party that's smart as well as tough on crime.

But it hasn't just been Paul turning populism into policy. This spring, Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana, nobody's idea of a moderate, became the Republican face of a financial reform effort aimed at addressing the problem of "too big to fail" banks.

And then just last week, Paul's frequent ally Mike Lee, the junior senator from Utah, took the floor at the American Enterprise Institute to offer a tax-reform proposal that would actually help middle-class families rather than mostly cut taxes on the investor class.

The Lee proposal is a particularly noteworthy breakthrough. Its centerpiece, a large expansion of the child tax credit, is an example of how social conservatism could seek to assist families instead of just lecturing them - by addressing the rising cost of child rearing, the stress wage stagnation puts on parents, and the link between family instability and socioeconomic disarray. This makes it the first major Republican tax proposal in years that actually seems tailored to contemporary challenges rather than to the economic climate of 1979.

But despite the best efforts of the Lee tax plan's admirers, the party's populists didn't make headlines last week on that issue. Instead, Lee and Paul were in the news - with the ubiquitous, less innovative junior senator from Texas, Ted Cruz - because they're part of the so-called "defund Obamacare" effort, an elaborate game of make-believe in which Republicans are supposed to pretend, for the sake of political leverage, that they'll actually shut down the government if the president refuses to go along with the repeal of his own signature legislative achievement. (How Republicans gain leverage by threatening a shutdown they'd be blamed for has never been adequately explained.) Except that the game isn't make-believe to the many conservative voters who have been suckered into believing that the health care law could be rolled back tomorrow if only Republicans would just stop "surrendering" and use the power of True Conservatism to bend the White House to their will.

This is what makes the defund movement's style of populism so depressing: In addition to throwing sand into the gears of government for no clear purpose, it's effectively deceiving precisely the voters that it claims to represent.

Hence the widespread view - shared by concerned liberals, chin-stroking moderates, and many congressional Republicans, I'm sure - that Cruz and Paul and Lee and their compatriots need to be crushed for the Republican Party to become effective and responsible again.

But the trouble is that if John Boehner and Mitch McConnell could somehow crush the populists (and they can't), they would also be crushing the best hope for conservative policy reform. That's because, for now at least, the same incentives that shape the "bad populism" of the defund movement are also shaping the "good populism" that wants to end farm subsidies or reform drug sentencing or break up banks or cut taxes on families.

Their willingness to engage in theatrical confrontations with President Barack Obama, for instance, is part of what lends figures like Paul and Lee and Vitter the credibility to experiment with ideas from outside the Reagan-era box.

And their arm's-length relationship to Wall Street and K Street makes them both more irresponsible on issues like a government shutdown and more open to new ideas on taxes, financial reform, corporate welfare, etc.

Obviously Republicans should be seeking a way to have the good without the bad: the innovation without the risky brinkmanship, the fresh ideas without the staged confrontations.

But for now they're stuck dealing with a populism that resembles Homer Simpson's description of his beloved beer: It's both the cause of, and the solution to, all of their problems. □



## Free To Be Hungry



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The word "freedom" looms large in modern conservative rhetoric. Lobbying groups are given names like Freedom-Works; health reform is denounced not just for its cost but as an assault on, yes, freedom. Oh, and remember when we were supposed to refer to pome-frites as "freedom fries"? The right's definition of freedom, however, isn't one that, say, FDR would recognize. In particular, the third of his famous Four Freedoms - freedom from want - seems to have been turned on its head. Conservatives seem, in particular, to believe that freedom's just another word for not enough to eat.

Hence the war on food stamps, which House Republicans have just voted to cut sharply even while voting to increase farm subsidies.

In a way, you can see why the food stamp program - or, to use its proper name, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) - has become a target. Conservatives are deeply committed to the view that the size of government has exploded under President Barack Obama but face the awkward fact that public employment is down sharply, while overall spending has been falling fast as a share of GDP. SNAP, however, really has grown a lot, with enrollment rising from 26 million Americans in 2007 to almost 48 million now.

Conservatives look at this and see what, to their great disap-

pointment, they can't find elsewhere in the data: runaway, explosive growth in a government program. The rest of us, however, see a safety-net program doing exactly what it's supposed to do: help more people in a time of widespread economic distress.

The recent growth of SNAP has indeed been unusual, but then so have the times, in the worst possible way. The Great Recession of 2007-09 was the worst slump since the Great Depression, and the recovery that followed has been very weak. Multiple careful economic studies have shown that the economic downturn explains the great bulk of the increase in food stamp use. And while the economic news has been generally bad, one piece of good news is that food stamps have at least mitigated the hardship, keeping millions of Americans out of poverty.

Nor is that the program's only benefit. The evidence is now overwhelming that spending cuts in a depressed economy deepen the slump, yet government spending has been falling anyway. SNAP, however, is one program that has been expanding, and as such it has indirectly helped save hundreds of thousands of jobs. But, say the usual suspects, the recession ended in 2009. Why hasn't recovery brought the SNAP rolls down? The answer is, while the recession did indeed officially end in 2009, what we've had since then is a recovery of, by and for a small number of people at the top of the income distribution, with none of the gains trickling down to the less fortunate. Adjusted for inflation, the income of the top 1 percent rose 31 percent from 2009 to 2012, but the real income of the bottom 40 percent actually fell 6 percent. Why should food stamp usage have gone down?

Still, is SNAP in general a good idea? Or is it, as Paul Ryan, the

chairman of the House Budget Committee, puts it, an example of turning the safety net into "a hammock that lulls able-bodied people to lives of dependency and complacency."

One answer is, some hammock: last year, average food stamp benefits were \$4.45 a day. Also, about those "able-bodied people": almost two-thirds of SNAP beneficiaries are children, elderly or disabled, and most of the rest are adults with children. Beyond that, however, you might think that ensuring adequate nutrition for children, which is a large part of what SNAP does, actually makes it less, not more likely that those children will be poor and need public assistance when they grow up. And that's what the evidence shows. The economists Hilary Hoynes and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach have studied the impact of the food stamp program in the 1960s and 1970s, when it was gradually rolled out across the country. They find that children who received early assistance grew up, on average, to be healthier and more productive adults than those who didn't - and they were also, it turns out, less likely to turn to the safety net for help. SNAP, in short, is public policy at its best. It not only helps those in need; it helps them help themselves. And it has done yeoman work in the economic crisis, mitigating suffering and protecting jobs at a time when all too many policymakers seem determined to do the opposite. So it tells you something that conservatives have singled out this of all programs for special ire.

Even some conservative pundits worry that the war on food stamps, especially combined with the vote to increase farm subsidies, is bad for the GOP, because it makes Republicans look like mean-spirited class warriors. Indeed it does. And that's because they are. □



# US Heritage Language Programs On The Rise

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**MIAMI (AP)** — Dorothy Villarreal grew up dreaming in Spanish, first in Mexico and later in Texas, where her family moved when she was six. She excelled in school — in English. But at home life was in Spanish, from the long afternoon chats with her grandparents to the Spanish-language version of Barbie magazines she eagerly awaited each month. She figured she was fluent in both languages.

Then the Harvard University junior spent last summer studying in Mexico and realized just how big the gaps in her Spanish were.

"We were talking about the presidential election, and there was so much I wanted to explain," Villarreal said. "We'd end up playing a guessing game where I'd speak in English, and my friends, they'd speak back in Spanish to guess what I was saying."

Villarreal's experience is increasingly common in America, where one in five children grows up in a home where English isn't the sole language. To help them fill in the gaps, universities are adapting their foreign language curriculum, in part to better prepare graduates for a globalized world where it pays to be professionally fluent in more than one language. Children in multi-lingual homes grow up a step ahead of other would-be language learners. They can easily engage in small talk or follow the latest soap opera in their families' native language. Yet when it comes to meatier topics, or reading and writing, they are stuck.

The linguistic gaps become apparent in high school, where these students can snooze through basic language classes but often drown in more advanced ones — if their heritage language is even offered. After all, how many American high schools offer Arabic or Korean?

With 37 million Spanish-speakers in America, most heritage classes are in

Spanish, and courses have bloomed across campuses in California, Florida and several Southwestern states. They have also begun to take hold in schools like Harvard University, which added a course this year.

Villarreal, who hopes to work in Latin America for an international business or for the U.S. government, "and not make a fool of myself," was among the first to sign up. She jumped at the chance to beef up

a language they learned at home, she said.

Heritage language programs have existed in the U.S. in some form for more than a century as a way to retain both language and culture — even as English-only movements waxed and waned. German schools were common in the late 1800s. Youth in California have long attended weekend Chinese and Japanese programs. Bilingual Spanish classes have been around for

ernment considers strategically critical languages for diplomacy and counterintelligence.

The National Heritage Language Resource Center at the University of California, Los Angeles, funded by the U.S. Department of Education since 2006, recently conducted the first national survey of higher education heritage instruction and found specialized instruction in 34 states. Chinese, Korean, Russian and Farsi were among the most

schools and used for business and diplomacy in the Middle East that a student who grew up speaking the language at home often can't read, write or speak the more formal Arabic.

Still, heritage Chinese speaker Daphe Ko, a sophomore at the City of New York's Hunter College, said mixing students like herself with those new to the language and culture can have benefits.

"They can identify a kind of grammar structure that I



**Harvard University junior Dorothy Villarreal, 20, poses on campus in Cambridge, Mass., Monday, Sept. 16, 2013.**

**(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)**

her formal Spanish without the pressure of an advanced class with non-Latino classmates who might have thick accents but rarely misplace an accent mark. That pressure, and the embarrassment of not being able to read or write a language they are supposed to know, can hold students back in regular classes, said Harvard Professor Maria Luisa Parra Velasco, who created the new Spanish course. So too can the stigma of speaking "bad Spanish," or a more colloquial version of

decades. Yet the development of separate heritage language university instruction is relatively new. The University of Texas-Pan American received funding from the Department of Education in 2007 to create a minor in medical Spanish for heritage speakers, and other schools are beginning to replicate the program.

Spanish classes aren't the only heritage courses on the rise. Harvard already has heritage programs in Russian, Chinese and Korean, which the U.S. gov-

popular after Spanish.

Separate tracks can be particularly useful for languages like Chinese or Hindi, where instructors are more likely to get heritage learners who can speak the language but can't read even basic characters — marking them as decidedly betwixt and between their beginning and advanced level classmates. Arabic also poses unique challenges. Regional variations of the language can vary so much from the Modern Standard Arabic taught in American

just took for granted, so we kind of help each other," she explained.

Ko grew up speaking the Cantonese dialect at home with her family but couldn't read or write, and she always wanted to learn Mandarin — the dialect her parents spoke when they didn't want her to understand. She's now double majoring in biology and Chinese through Hunter's intensive Chinese Flagship Center, created in 2011, which caters predominantly to heritage speakers. □